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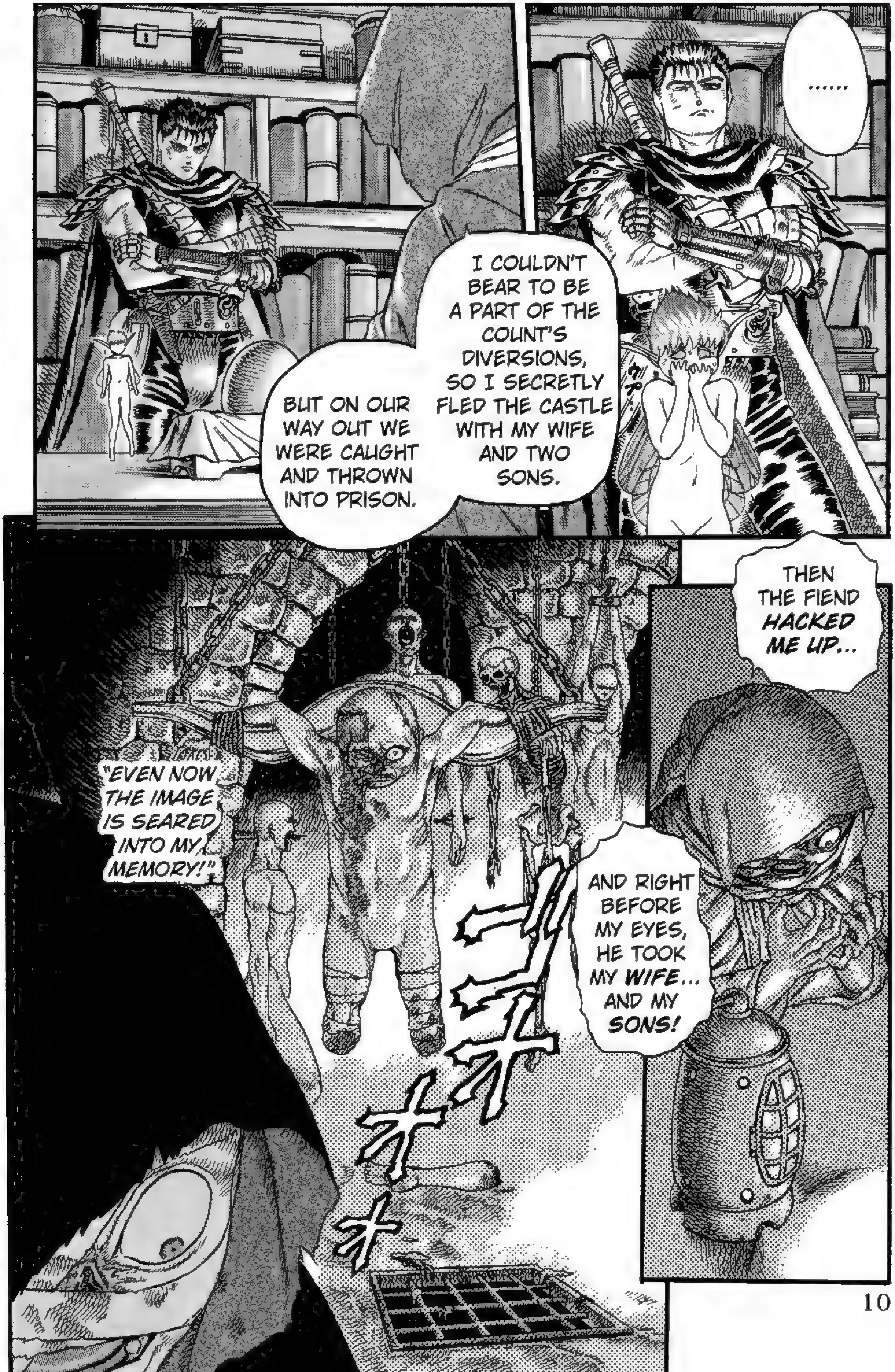
THE GUARDIANS OF DESIRE, CHAPTER 2

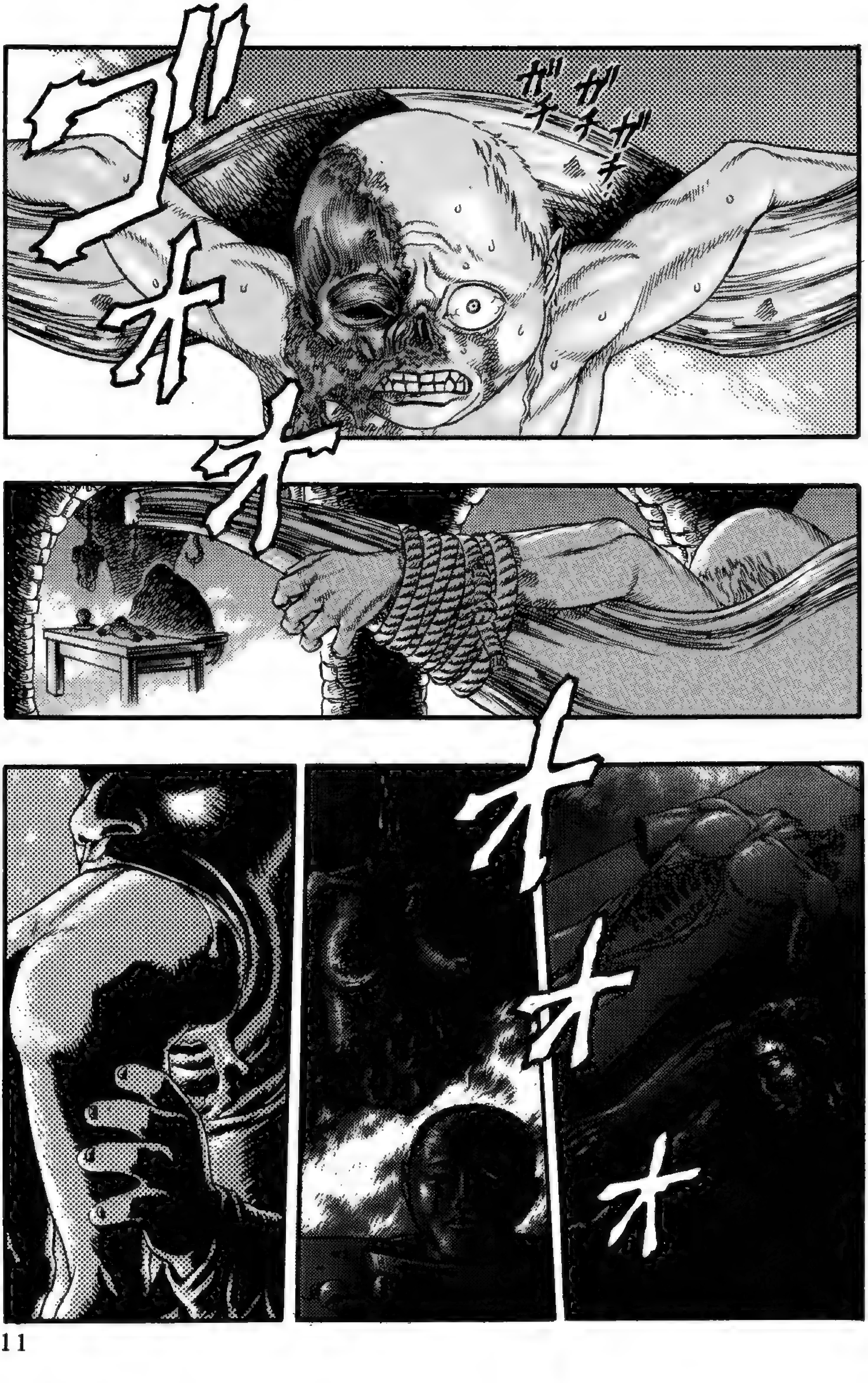
A BEHELIT ?!
...!
Y-YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS?!

GUTS... STOP!
EEEK ooo
ガシィ!
ガッ
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
WHERE'D YOU GET THIS THING?
IT... IT'S NOT MINE!
ギリ!
IT'S FROM THE CASTLE...I STOLE IT FROM THE COUNT!
......
I-I'M TELLING YOU THE TRUTH!

HMMPH!
...!
TELL ME ABOUT IT.
TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW.
......
MY NAME IS **VARGAS**. I USED TO BE THE CASTLE PHYSICIAN.
IN THOSE DAYS THE COUNT WAS A DIFFERENT PERSON. HE WAS **CRUEL**...
...BUT AT LEAST HE WAS STILL **HUMAN**.

BUT SEVEN YEARS AGO, AFTER GETTING HOLD OF THIS THING...
...THE COUNT *CHANGED!*
"HE BEGAN TO TREAT PEOPLE AS IF THEY WERE MERE PLAYTHINGS, DISSECTING THEM ALIVE..."
"SLICING THEM OPEN, CHOPPING THEM UP, VIOLATING THEM, AND THEN EATING THEM."
"HIS INQUISITION OF HERETICS BECAME NOTHING MORE THAN AN EXCUSE TO ACQUIRE MORE BODIES."


......
I COULDN'T BEAR TO BE A PART OF THE COUNT'S DIVERSIONS, SO I SECRETLY FLED THE CASTLE WITH MY WIFE AND TWO SONS.
BUT ON OUR WAY OUT WE WERE CAUGHT AND THROWN INTO PRISON.
THEN THE FIEND HACKED ME UP...
AND RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES, HE TOOK MY WIFE... AND MY SONS!
"EVEN NOW THE IMAGE IS SEARED INTO MY MEMORY!"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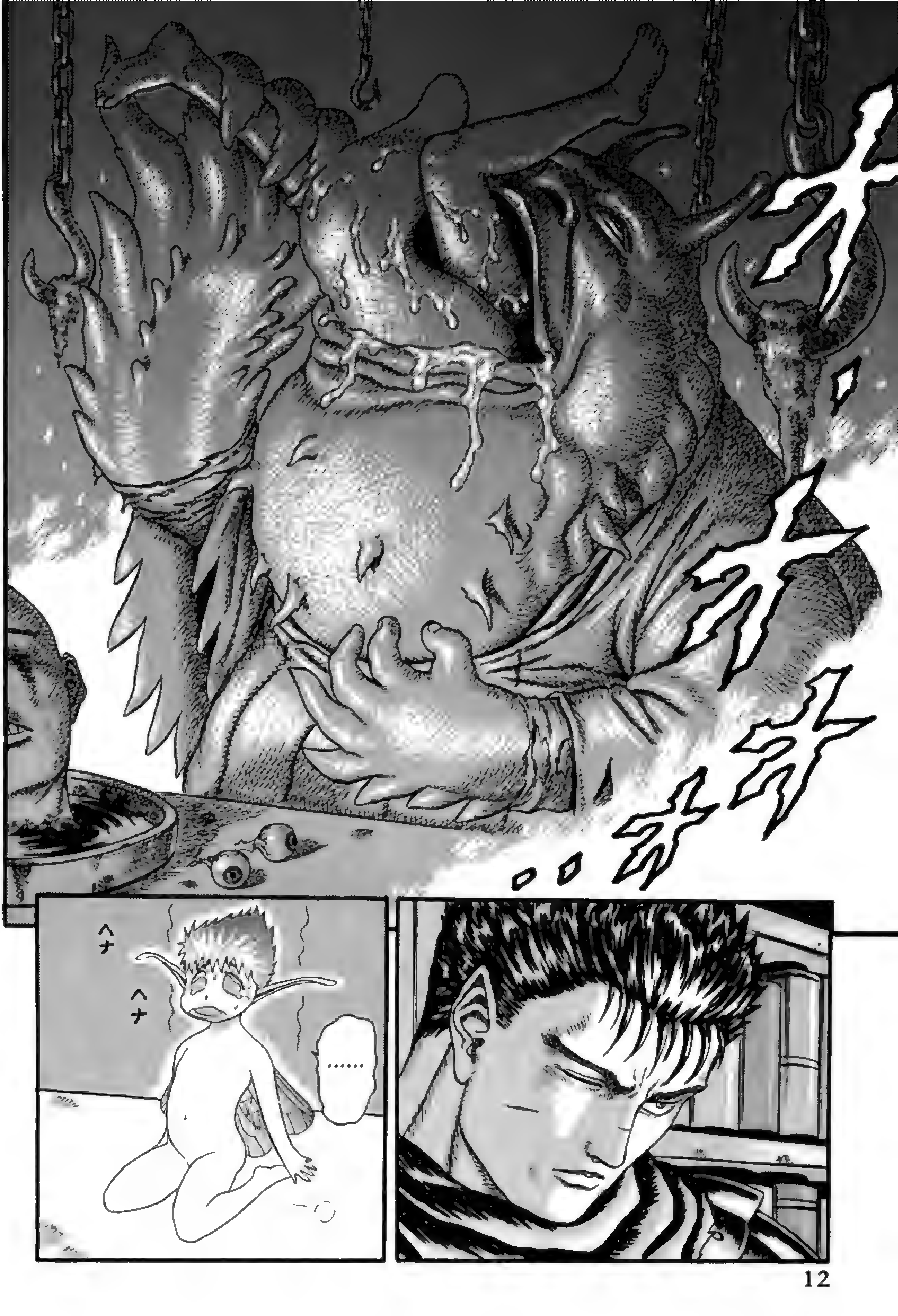
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AT THE TIME...
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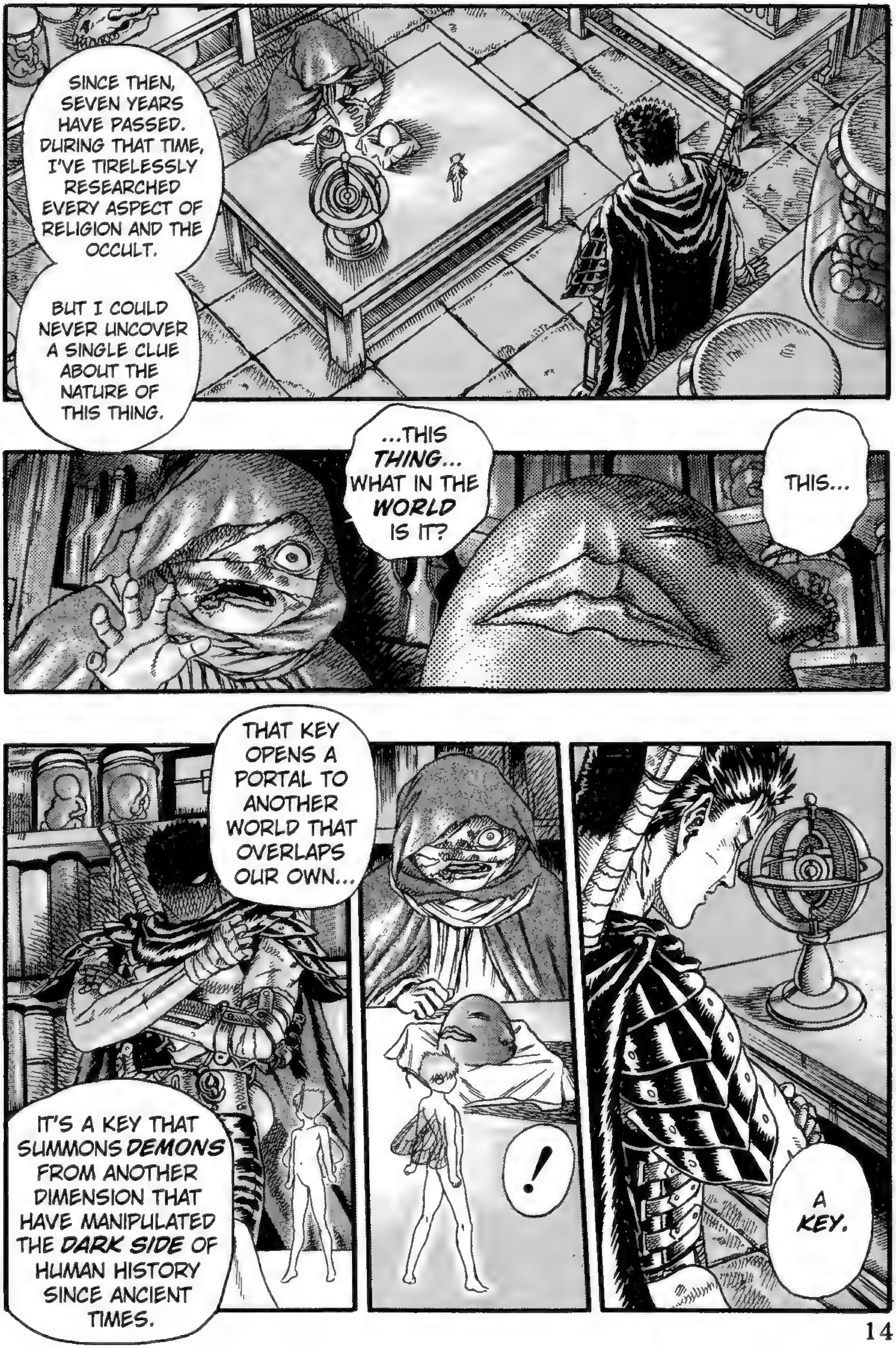
...MORE THAN ANGER OR SORROW...
...MORE THAN CONCERN FOR MY WIFE AND TWO SONS...
...I WAS...
...I WAS NOTHING BUT A PRISONER OF FEAR.
....
....
I USED A DRUG THAT I'D CONCEALED TO FEIGN MY DEATH.
AND WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY AROSE, I SLIPPED OUT OF THE CASTLE, TAKING THIS THING WITH ME. IT WAS A MIRACLE.


SINCE THEN, SEVEN YEARS HAVE PASSED. DURING THAT TIME, I'VE TIRELESSLY RESEARCHED EVERY ASPECT OF RELIGION AND THE OCCULT.
BUT I COULD NEVER UNCOVER A SINGLE CLUE ABOUT THE NATURE OF THIS THING.
...THIS *THING*... WHAT IN THE *WORLD* IS IT?
THIS...
THAT KEY OPENS A PORTAL TO ANOTHER WORLD THAT OVERLAPS OUR OWN...
IT'S A KEY THAT SUMMONS *DEMONS* FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION THAT HAVE MANIPULATED THE *DARK SIDE* OF HUMAN HISTORY SINCE ANCIENT TIMES.
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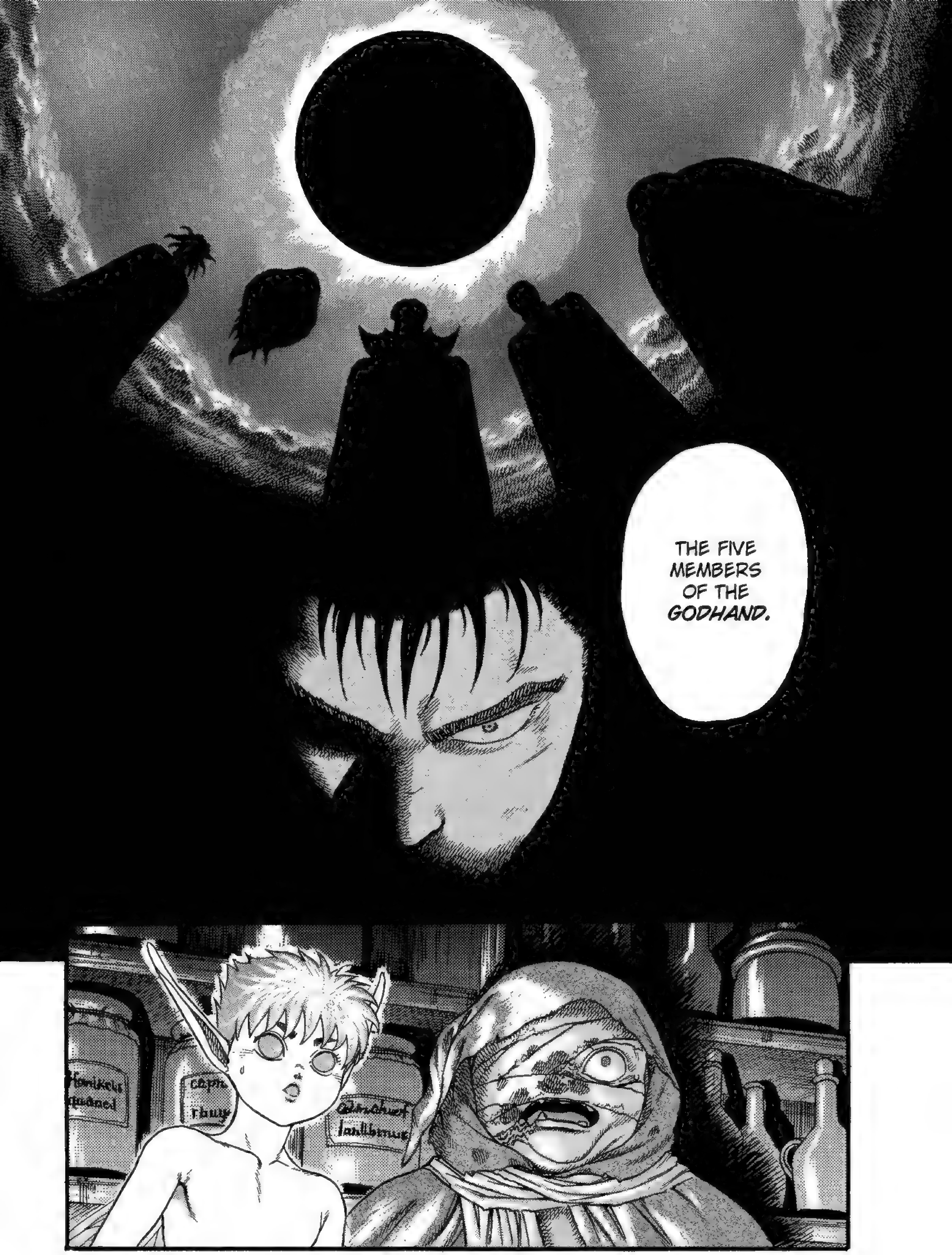
A *KEY.*


THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE *GODHAND.*

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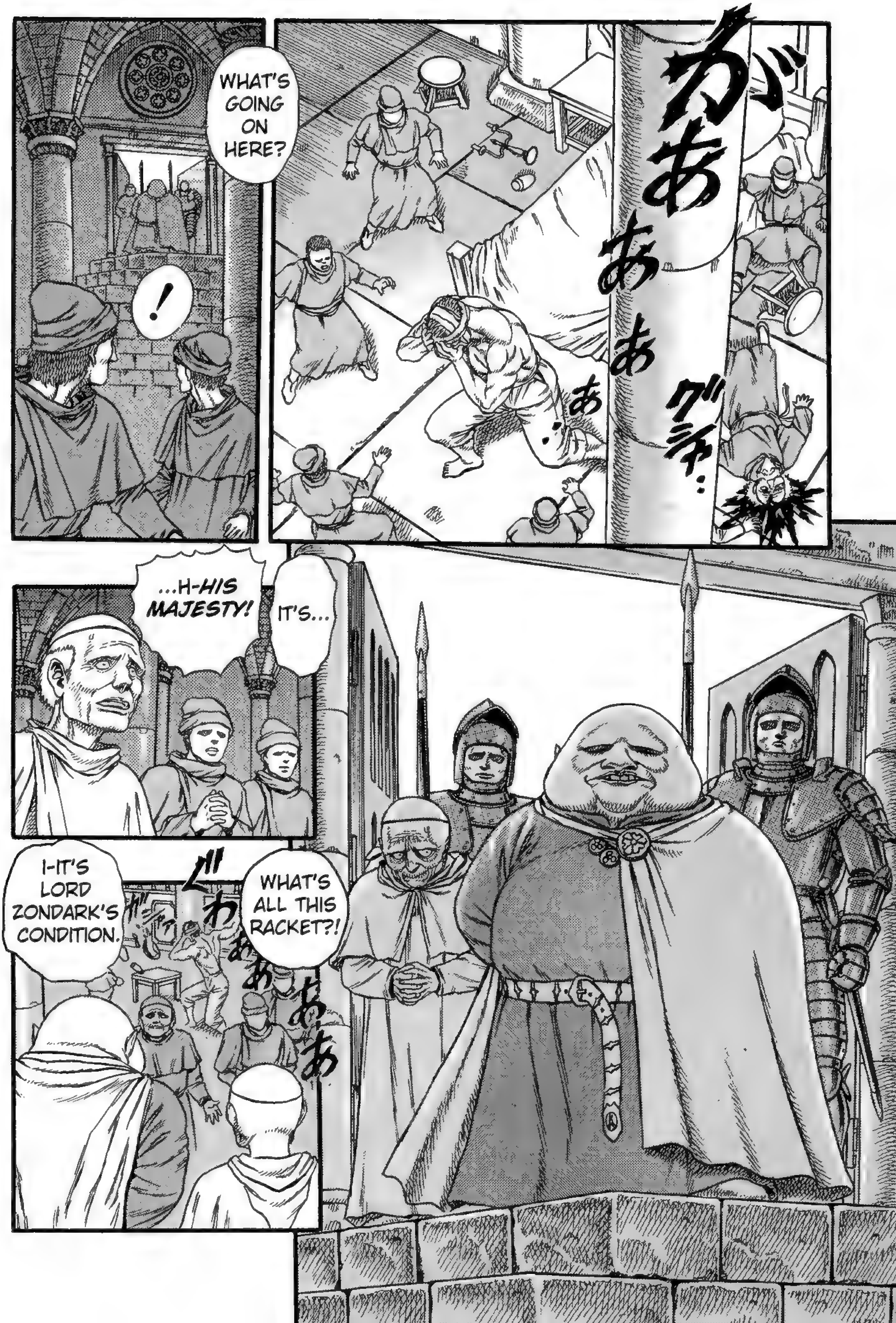
カッーン
オオオオオ
ごぉぉぉ

L-LORD ZONDARK!
オオオオオ
ガラァァン
!!
ぐあぁ
LORD ZONDARK, CALM DOWN, PLEASE!
KILL!
I'LL KILL YOU!
ガシ…
EEEEK!
ギリ…
ギリ…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グシャ…
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
!
IT'S…
…H-HIS MAJESTY!
WHAT'S ALL THIS RACKET?!
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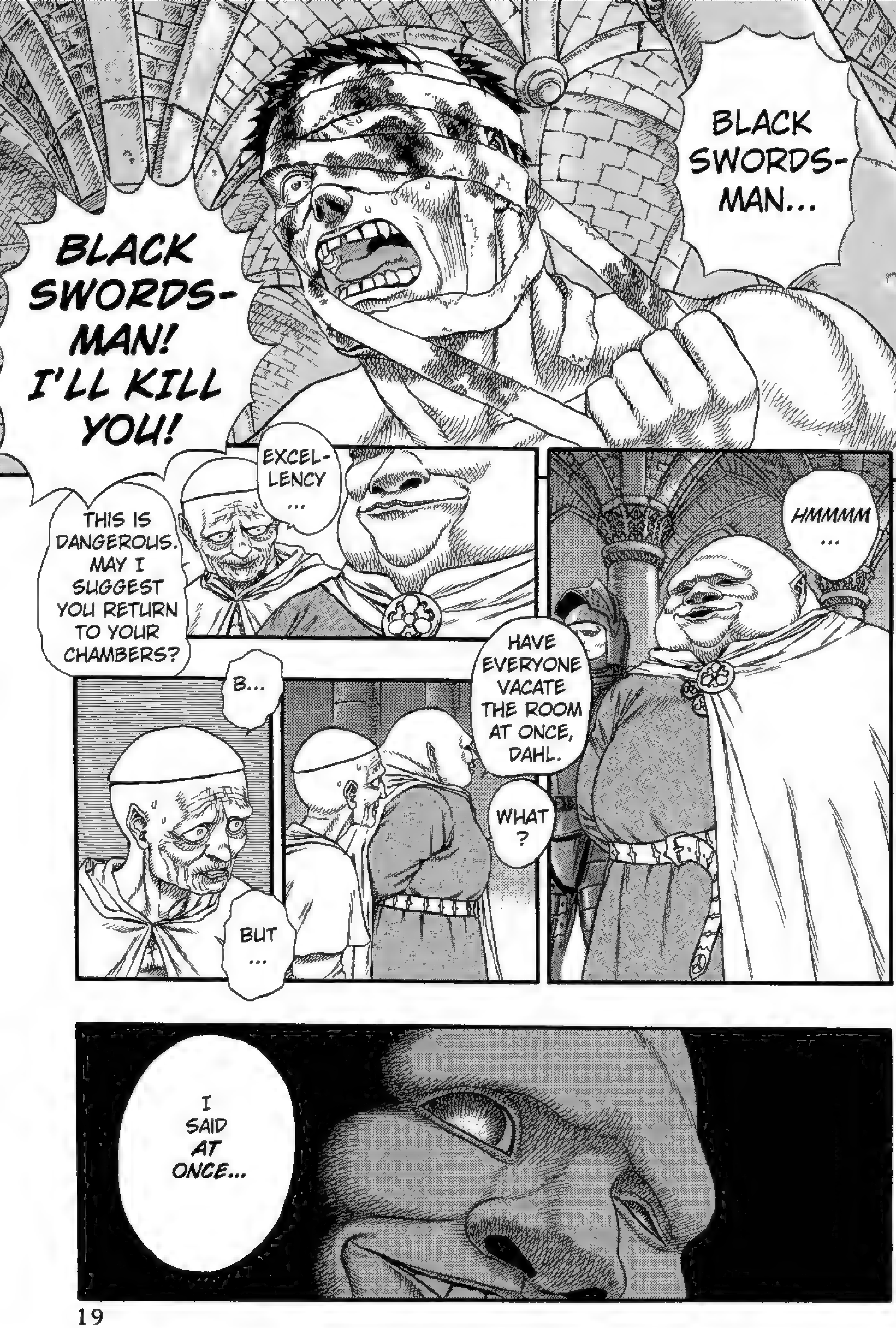
I-IT'S LORD ZONDARK'S CONDITION.


BLACK SWORDSMAN...
BLACK SWORDSMAN! I'LL KILL YOU!
EXCELLENCY...
THIS IS DANGEROUS. MAY I SUGGEST YOU RETURN TO YOUR CHAMBERS?
HMMMM...
HAVE EVERYONE VACATE THE ROOM AT ONCE, DAHL.
WHAT?
B...
BUT...
I SAID AT ONCE...

....!
E-EVERYONE LEAVE IMMEDIATELY!!
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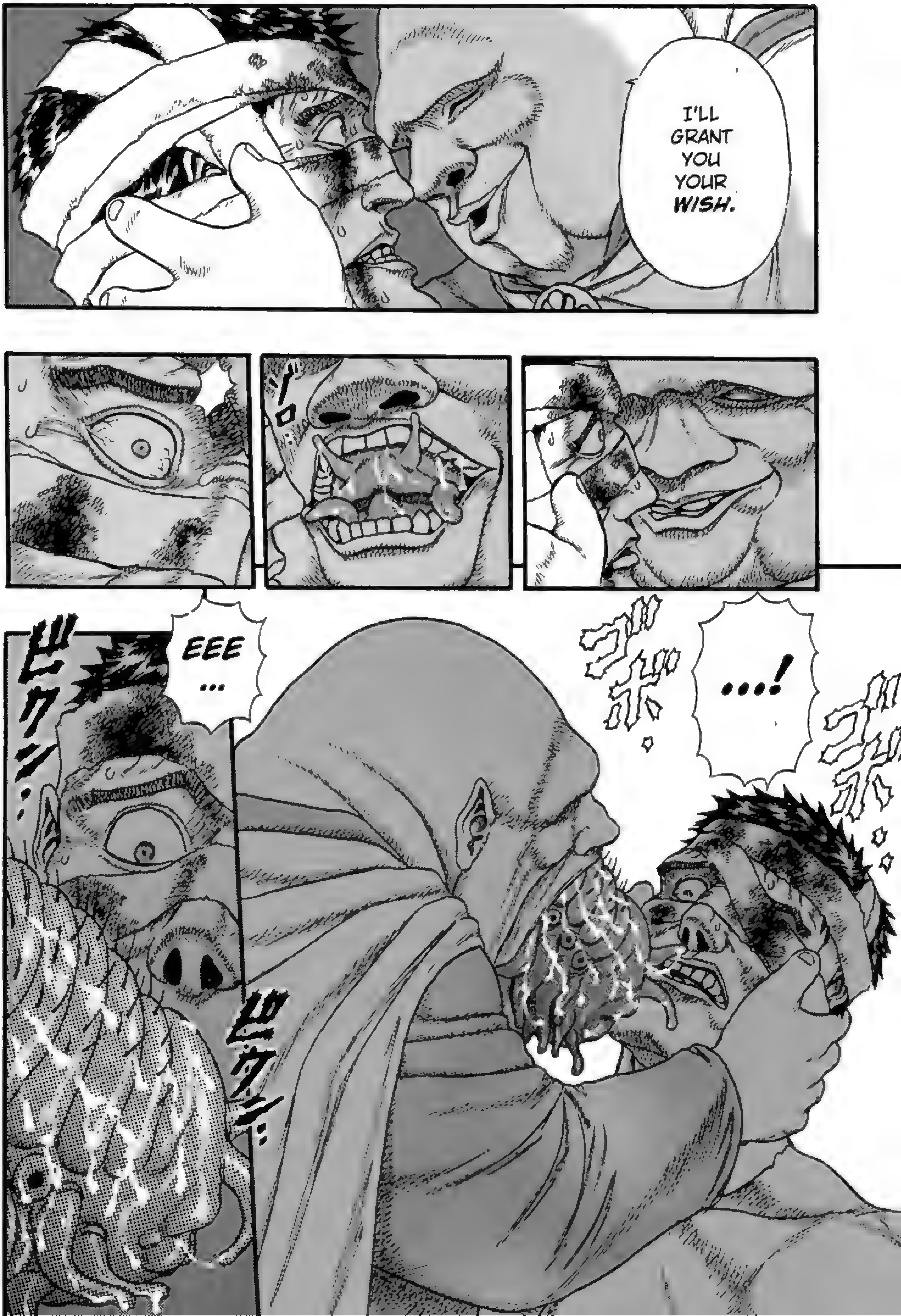
ガチャ
-GULP-
...
オオオ
ガッ
ガッ
... AAAAH-
GAAHH!!
ガキィ

ギリ ギリ…
…!
YOU DESPISE HIM, DON'T YOU, THE BLACK SWORDSMAN?
YES !!
I'D DO ANYTHING! *ANYTHING*… TO KILL HIM!
ヴゥゥゥ。。
VERY WELL, THEN…
グイ。
…HA HA HA…
ガシッ


I'LL GRANT YOU YOUR *WISH.*
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...!
ゴボ
EEE ...
ビクン
ビクン

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チチチ…
TAKE IT INSIDE OF YOU...
MY DAEMON.
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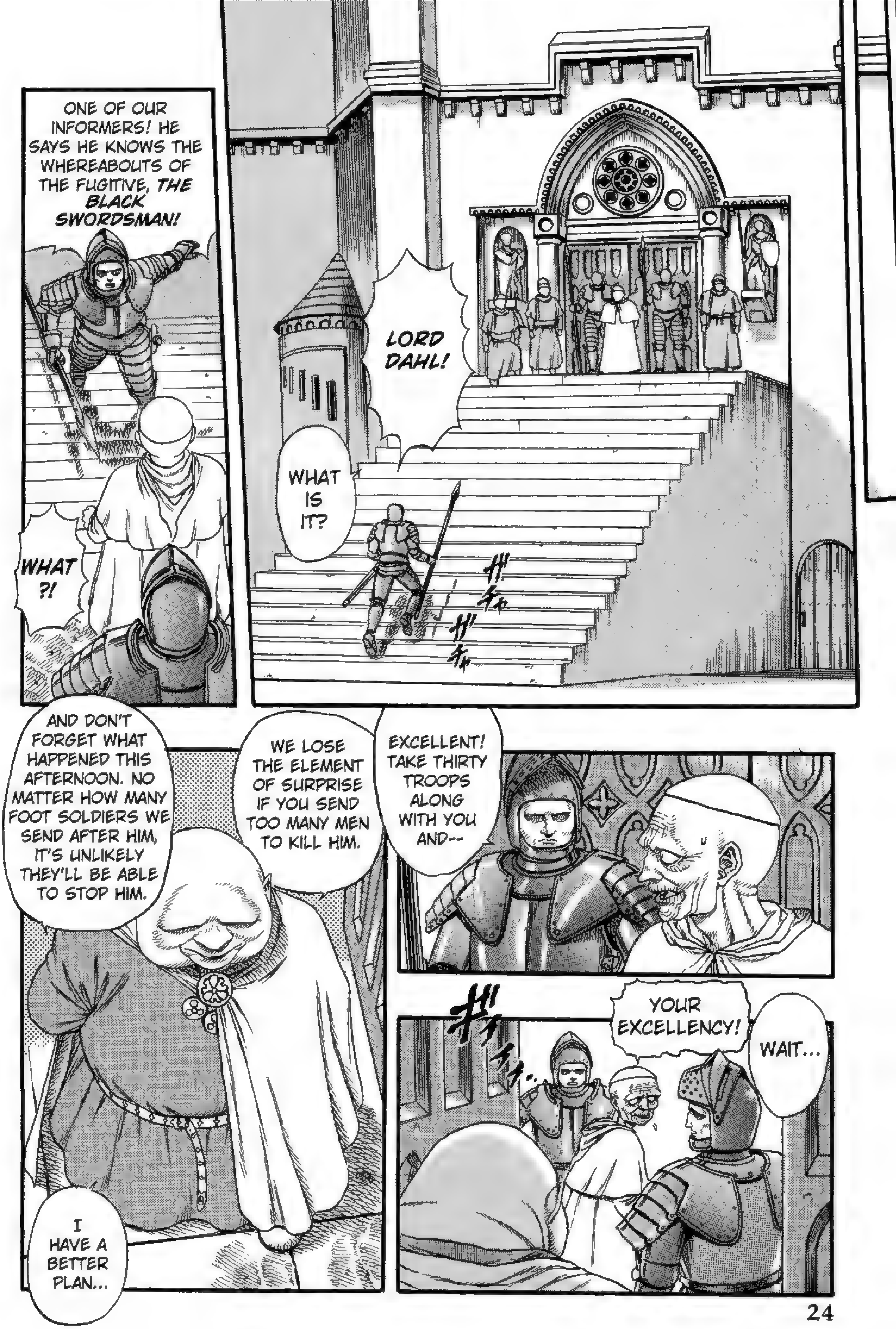
LORD DAHL!
WHAT IS IT?
ガチャ
ガチャ
ONE OF OUR INFORMERS! HE SAYS HE KNOWS THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE FUGITIVE, *THE BLACK SWORDSMAN!*
WHAT ?!
EXCELLENT! TAKE THIRTY TROOPS ALONG WITH YOU AND--
WAIT...
YOUR EXCELLENCY!
WE LOSE THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE IF YOU SEND TOO MANY MEN TO KILL HIM.
AND DON'T FORGET WHAT HAPPENED THIS AFTERNOON. NO MATTER HOW MANY FOOT SOLDIERS WE SEND AFTER HIM, IT'S UNLIKELY THEY'LL BE ABLE TO STOP HIM.
I HAVE A BETTER PLAN...

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ビキキ

ZON-DARK!
THE TIME HAS COME FOR YOU TO WREAK VENGEANCE TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT.
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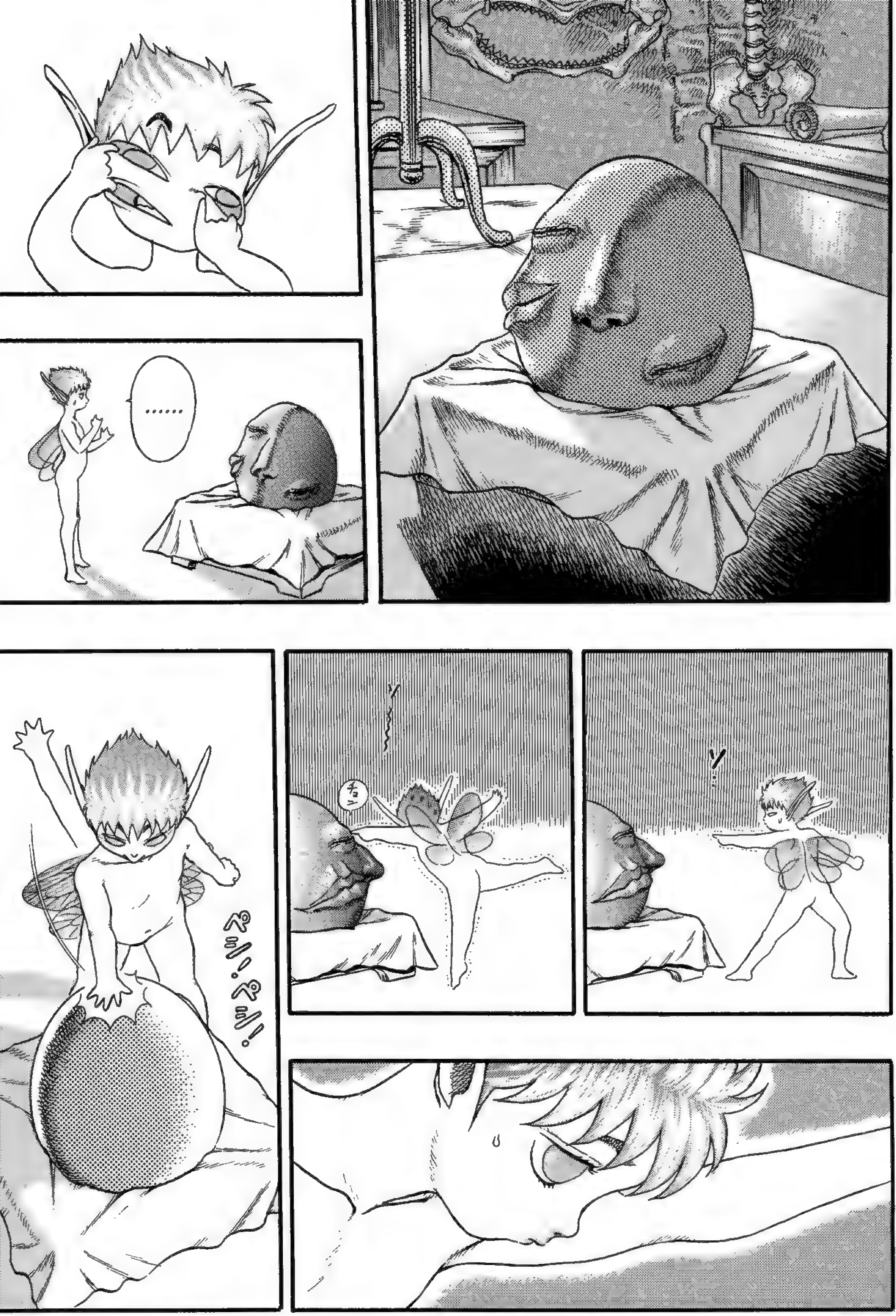
...!
WOW!
IT'S REALLY WELL MADE.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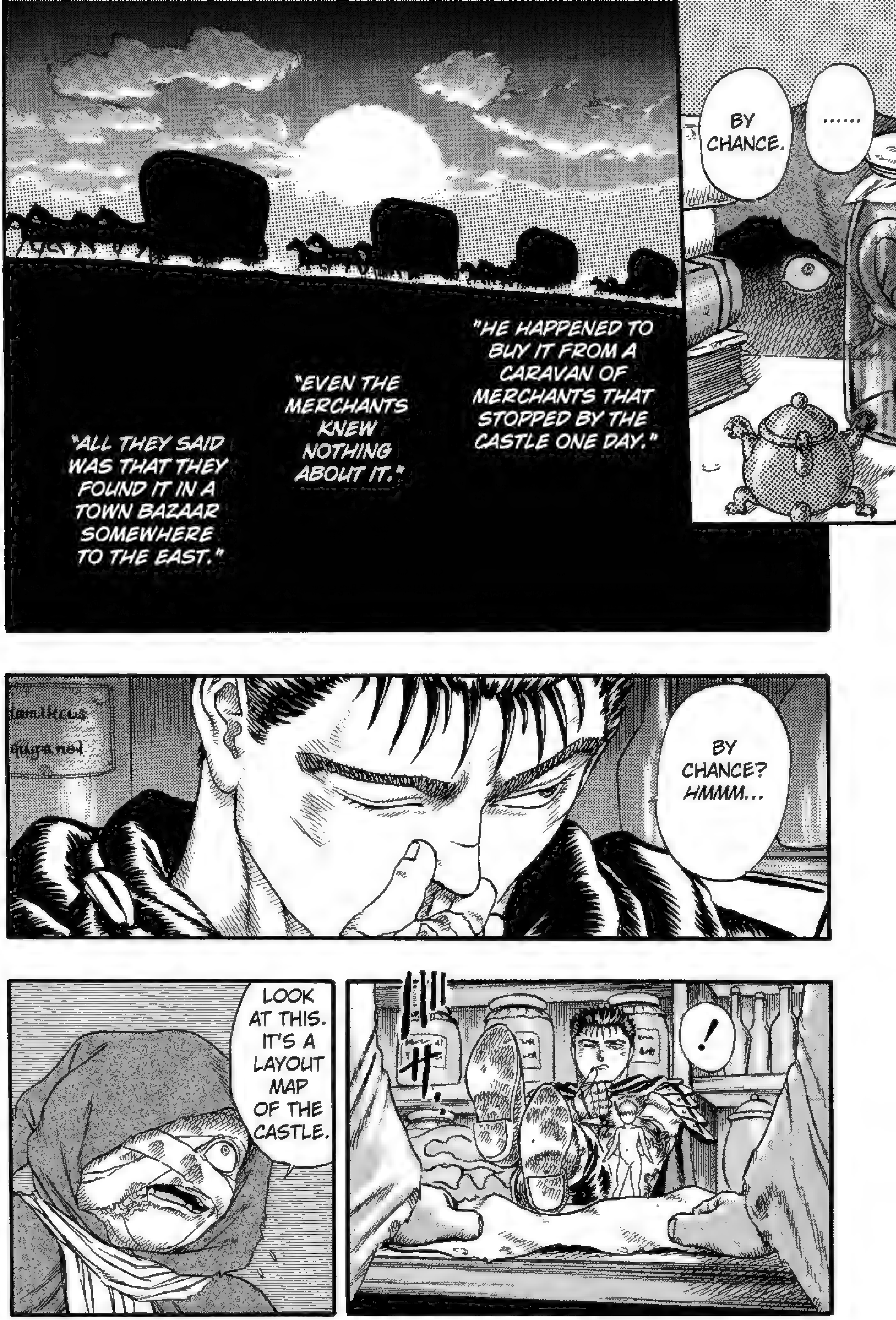
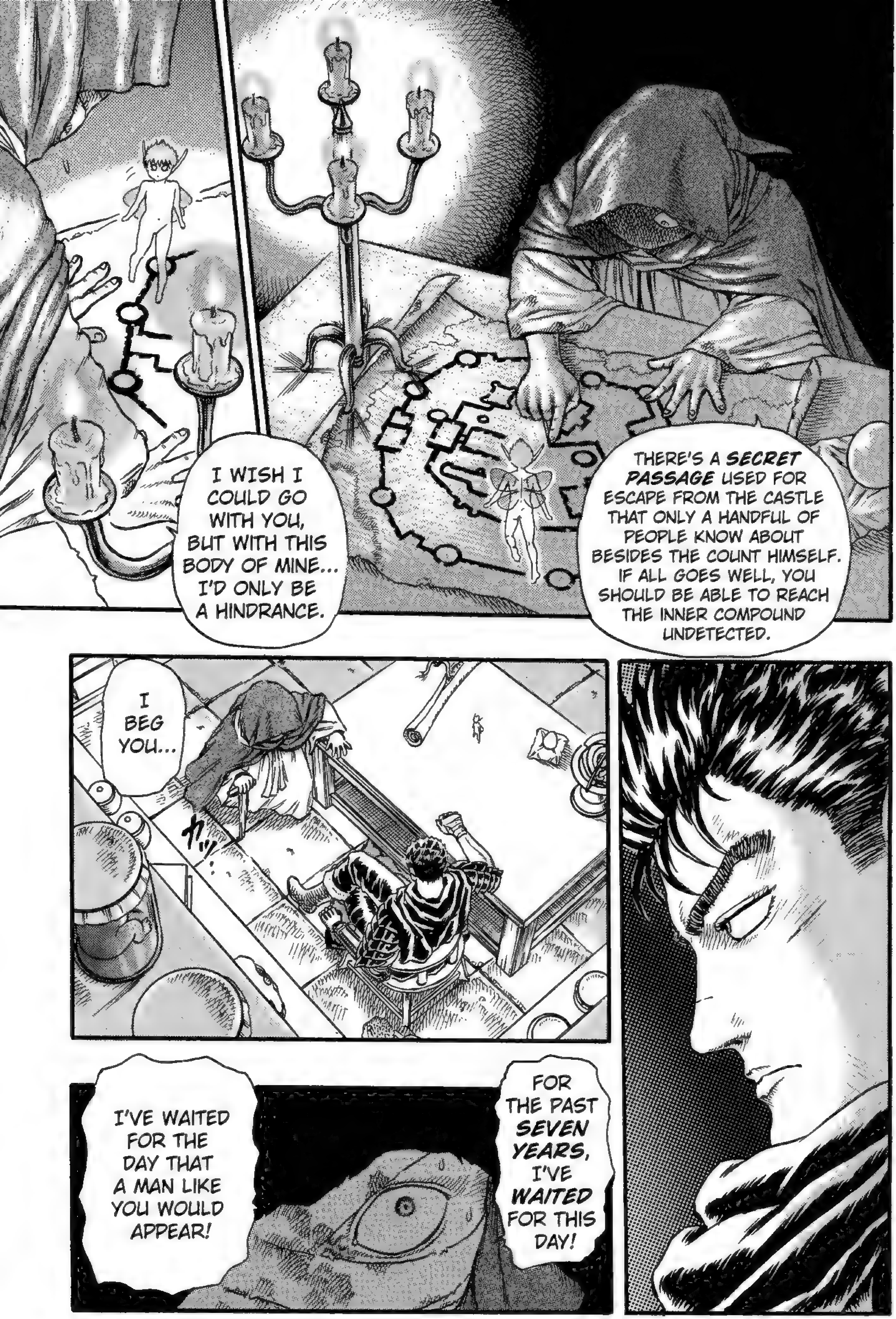
ツ〜
チョン
ペシ!ペシ!

WHEW!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT. IT WON'T BUDGE AN INCH.
BUT IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY, IT'S KINDA GOT A NEAT-LOOKIN' FACE.
IT'S ART. YEAH... *ART!*
IT'S NOT ARTWORK. THAT THING'S *ALIVE.*
ビターン
OHH!
...!
ビターン
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THAT BEFORE I TOUCHED IT, YOU BIG *JERK?!*
WELL, IT MAY BE ALIVE, BUT IT'S NO DANGER IN ITS CURRENT STATE.
LET'S SAY IT'S A KIND OF A *TOOL.*

WELL, HOW DOES IT SUMMON THE *GODHAND?*
STUPID! I WOULDN'T BE GOIN' THROUGH ALL THIS TROUBLE IF I KNEW THAT!
......
I FORGOT TO ASK YOU SOME-THIN'.
HOW DID THE COUNT FIRST GET HOLD OF THIS THING, ANYWAY?
HM?
GULP!


......
BY CHANCE.
"HE HAPPENED TO BUY IT FROM A CARAVAN OF MERCHANTS THAT STOPPED BY THE CASTLE ONE DAY."
"EVEN THE MERCHANTS KNEW NOTHING ABOUT IT."
"ALL THEY SAID WAS THAT THEY FOUND IT IN A TOWN BAZAAR SOMEWHERE TO THE EAST."
BY CHANCE? HMMM...
!
LOOK AT THIS. IT'S A LAYOUT MAP OF THE CASTLE.

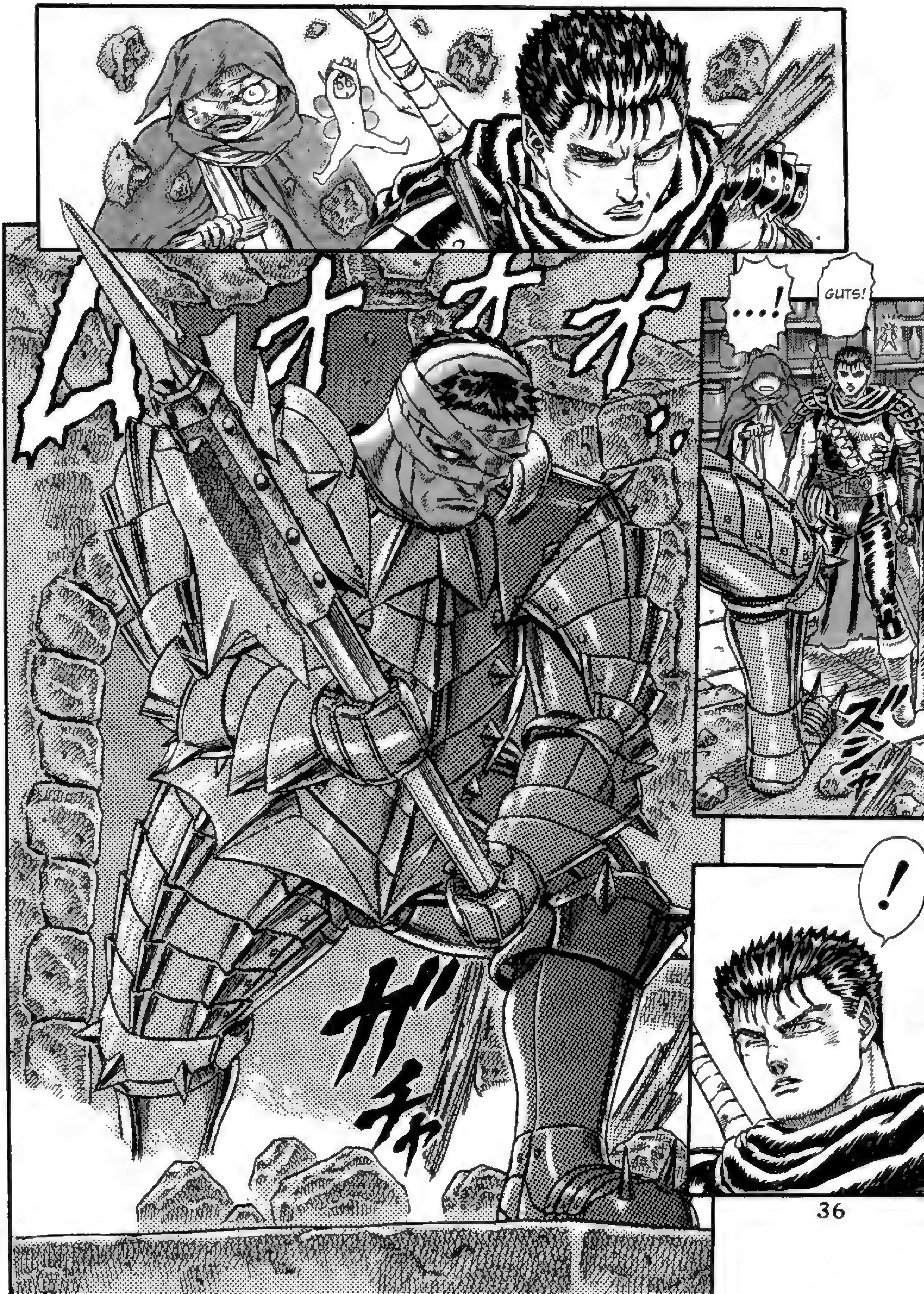

THERE'S A **SECRET PASSAGE** USED FOR ESCAPE FROM THE CASTLE THAT ONLY A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT BESIDES THE COUNT HIMSELF. IF ALL GOES WELL, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO REACH THE INNER COMPOUND UNDETECTED.
I WISH I COULD GO WITH YOU, BUT WITH THIS BODY OF MINE... I'D ONLY BE A HINDRANCE.
I BEG YOU...
ガッ
FOR THE PAST **SEVEN YEARS**, I'VE **WAITED** FOR THIS DAY!
I'VE WAITED FOR THE DAY THAT A MAN LIKE YOU WOULD APPEAR!

YOU...
......
YOU'RE MY ONLY HOPE!
PLEASE!
AVENGE ME!
...!
DON'T TOUCH ME!!
!

!
GUTS ?!
...!!
ズル！
HEY! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?!
ガチャ
YOU MAKE ME SICK...
DON'T YOU EVER TOUCH ME LIKE THAT AGAIN, UNDERSTAND?!
HAVE YOU SEEN YOURSELF IN THE MIRROR LATELY?
AT LEAST MAKE YOURSELF A LITTLE MORE PRESENTABLE!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO LOOKS LIKE A MONSTER.
LISTEN, YOU...!!
ガシ!

HOW COME YOU'RE ALWAYS PICKIN' ON PEOPLE LIKE THAT?!
ビシッ!
YEOWWW!!
Y-YOU JERK!!
I-IT'S OKAY... I DON'T MIND...
IF ONLY YOU KILL THE COUNT...
...I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU SAY ABOUT ME...
OOOO... OWWWEEE...
OLD FELLA ...
SPINELESS BASTARD.
-HMPH!-

WHAT'S WRONG?
....
SHH! QUIET...
I WON'T AVENGE YOU. BUT I'LL KILL HIM ALL THE SAME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GUTS!
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!
THE GUY FROM THIS AFTERNOON!
YOU AGAIN? *TOUGH BASTARD,* AREN'T YA?

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!
GUUGH!!

GUTS ?!
...!!
ガチャン
イウウウウ。。
!
-AHH!-
ガシャアアン
ガチャ
NOW I GET IT. YOU'RE NOT EVEN *HUMAN* ANYMORE!
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FOOL... I'LL HACK YOU TO PIECES!
GUTS!

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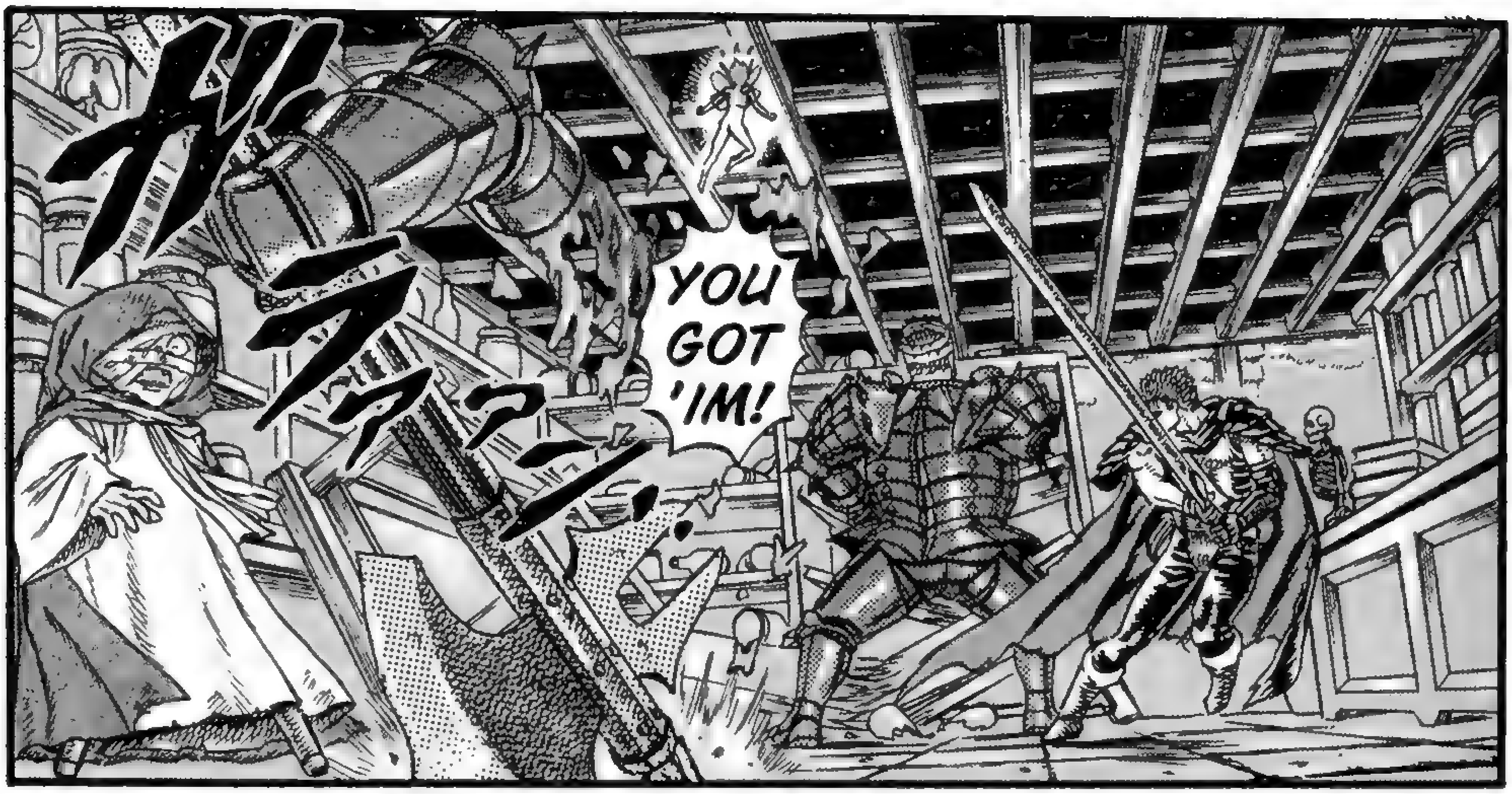
GAAGH!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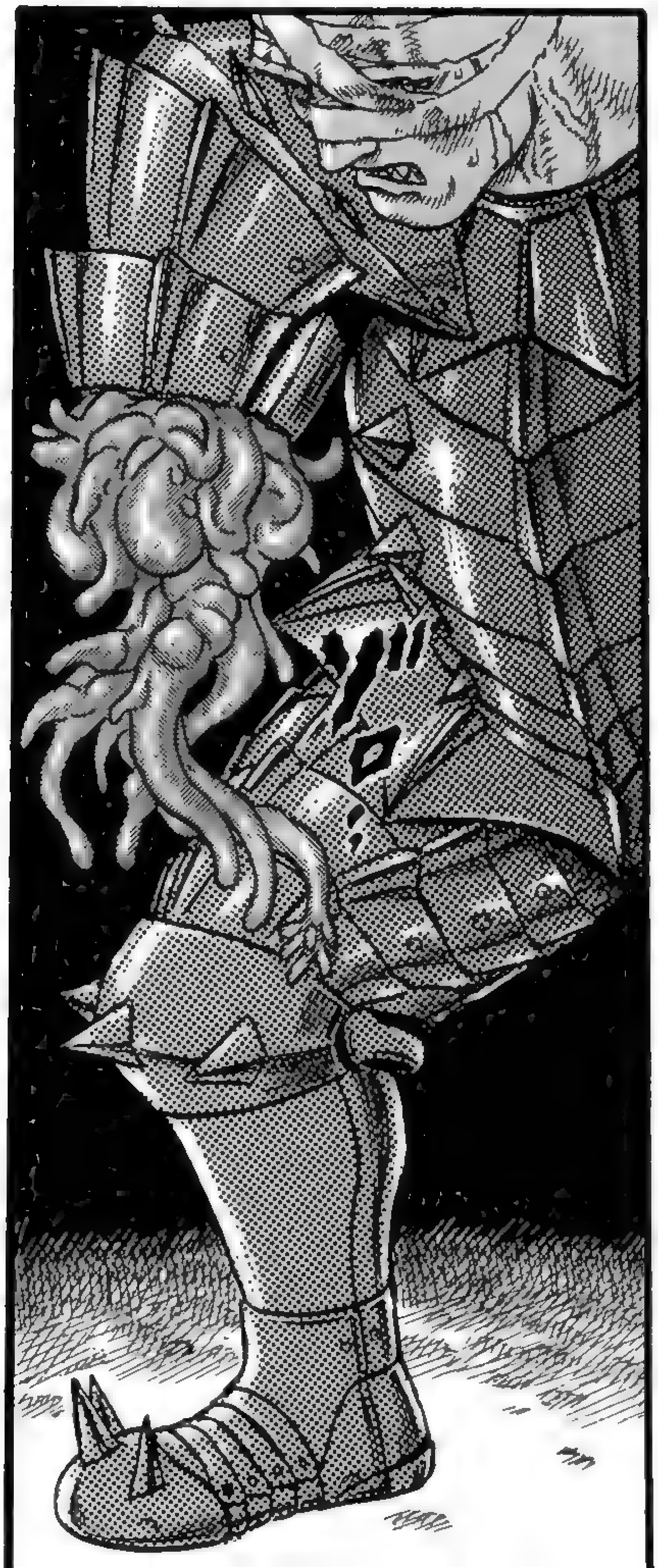

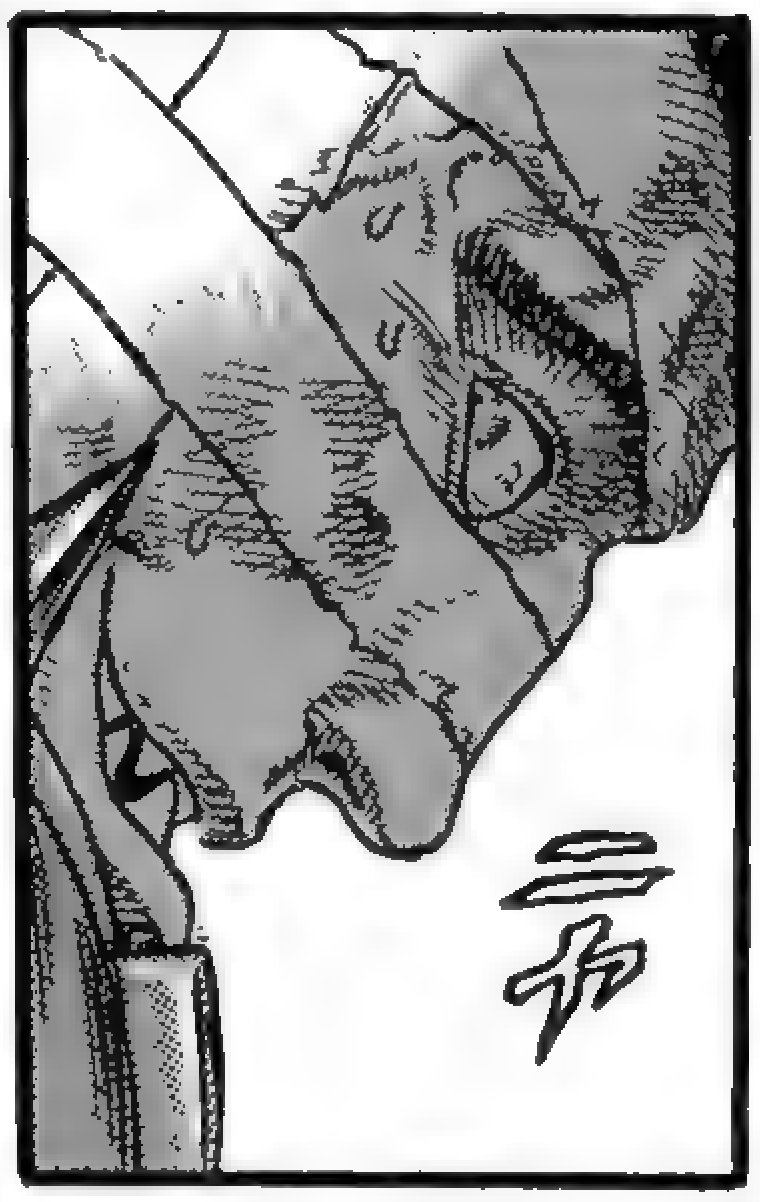
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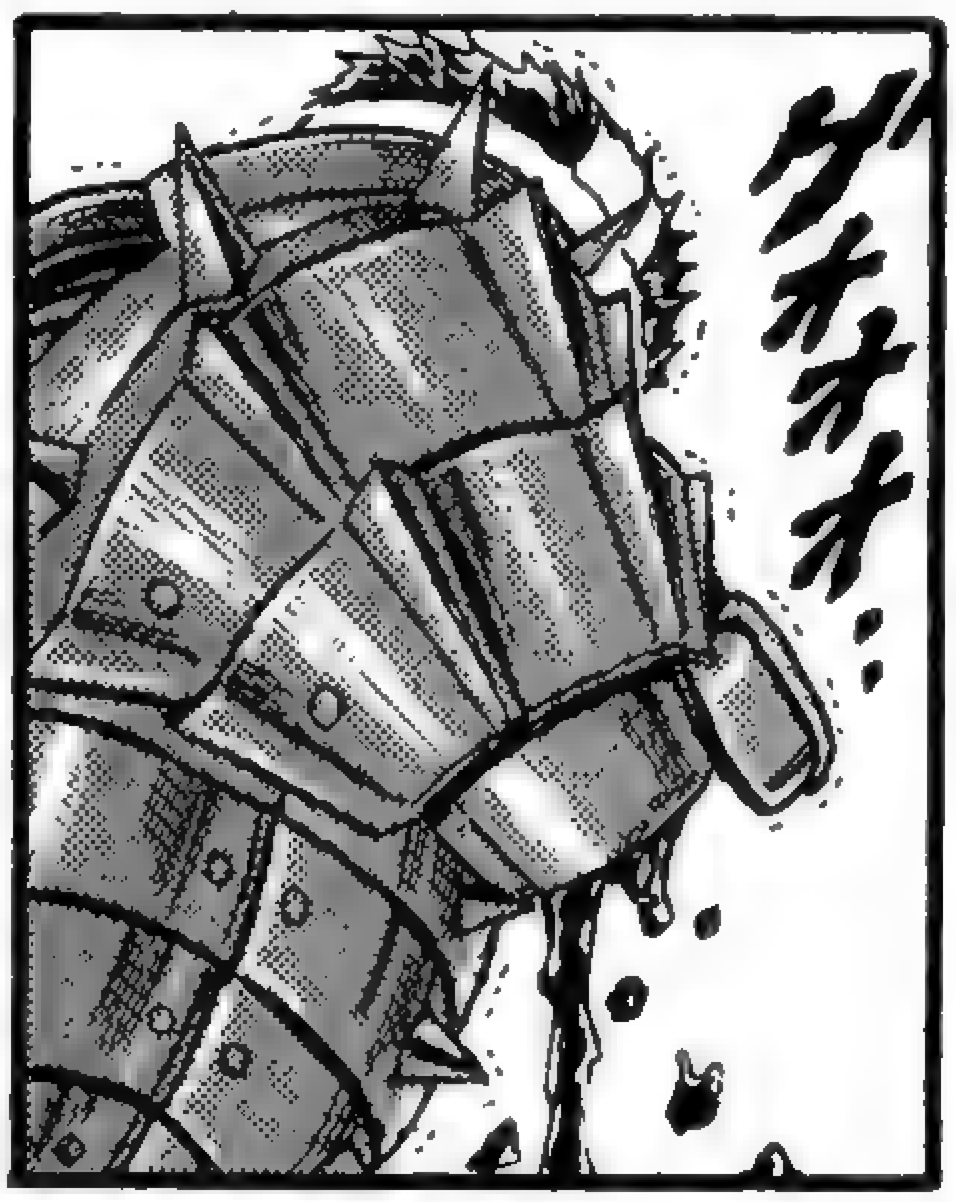
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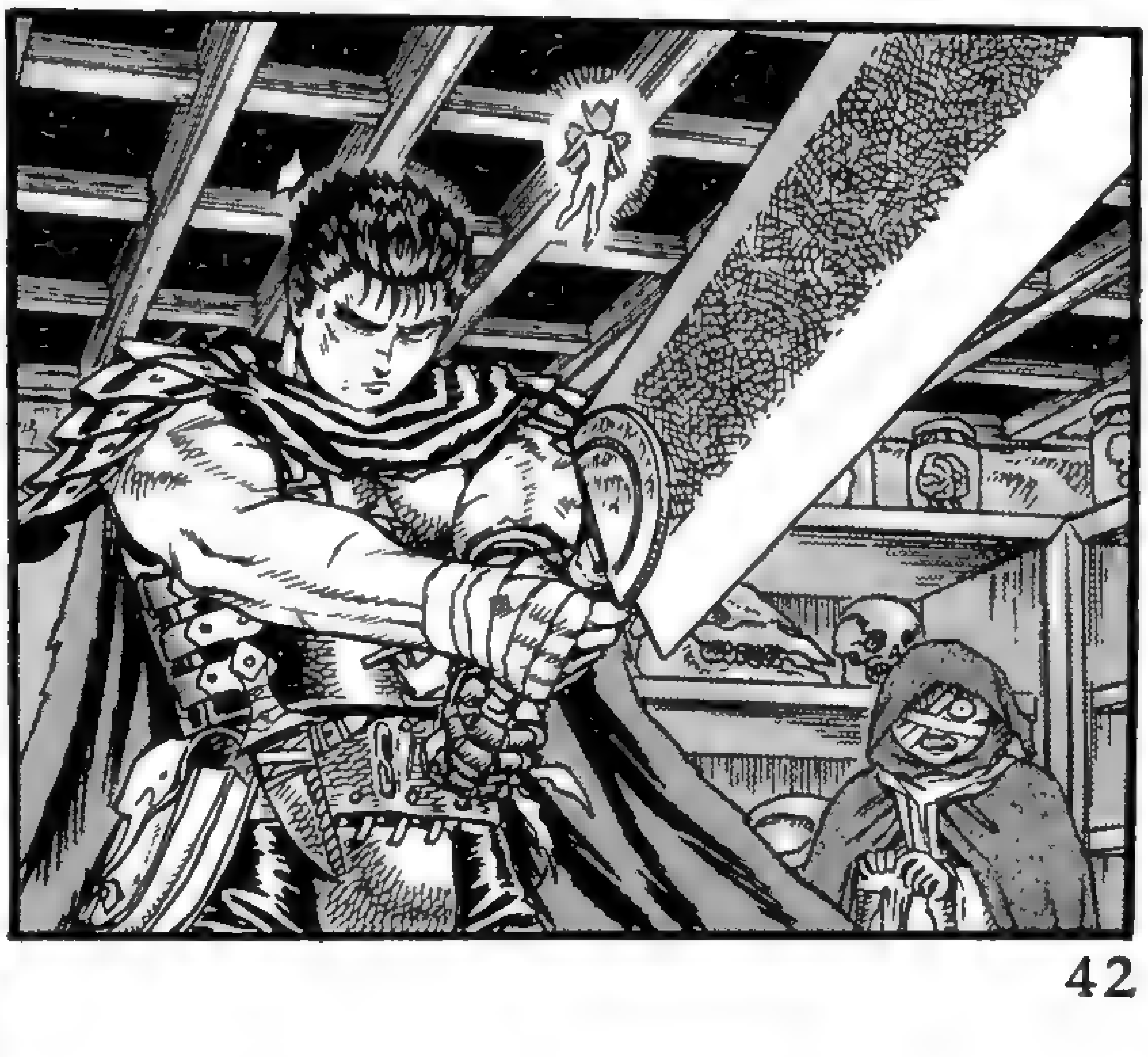

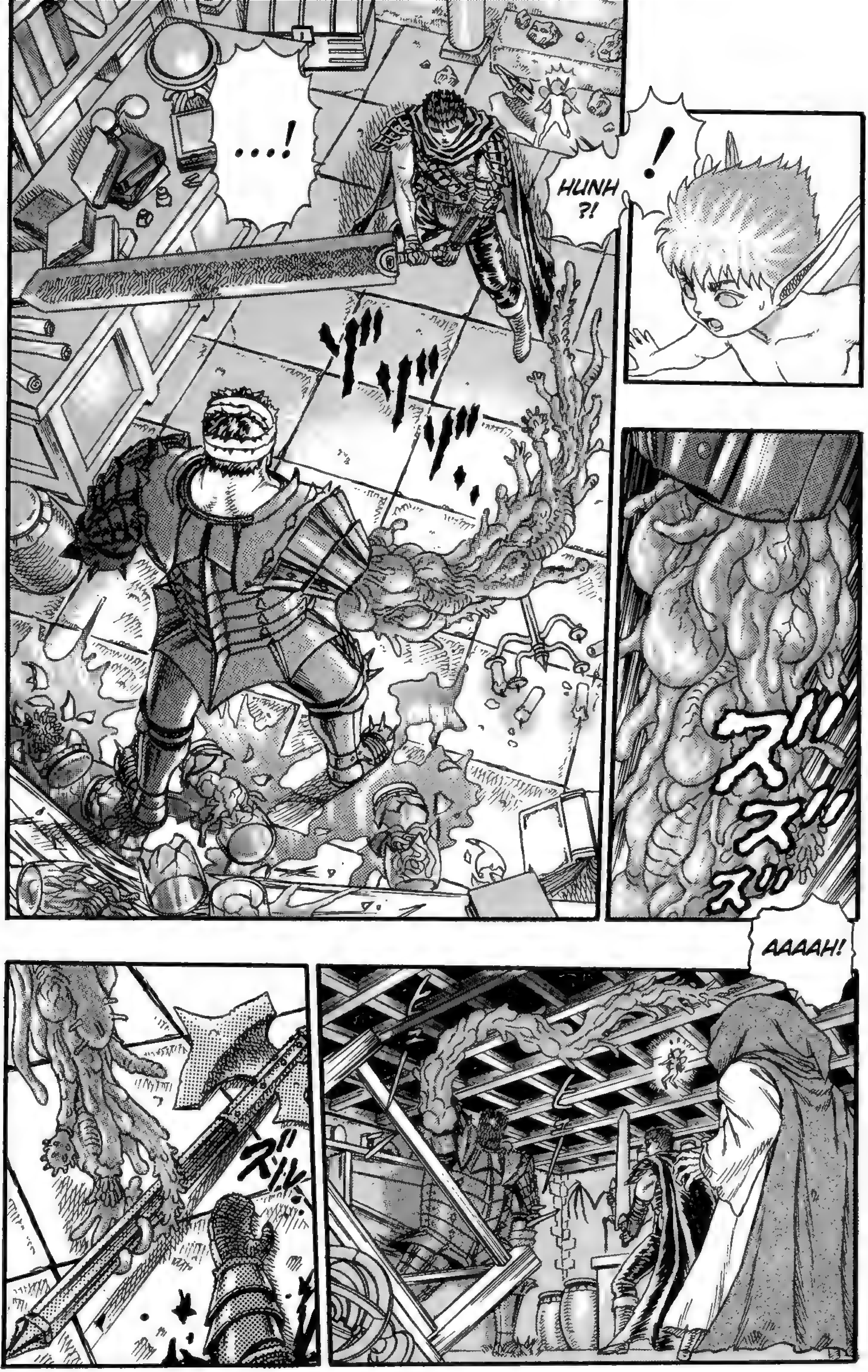
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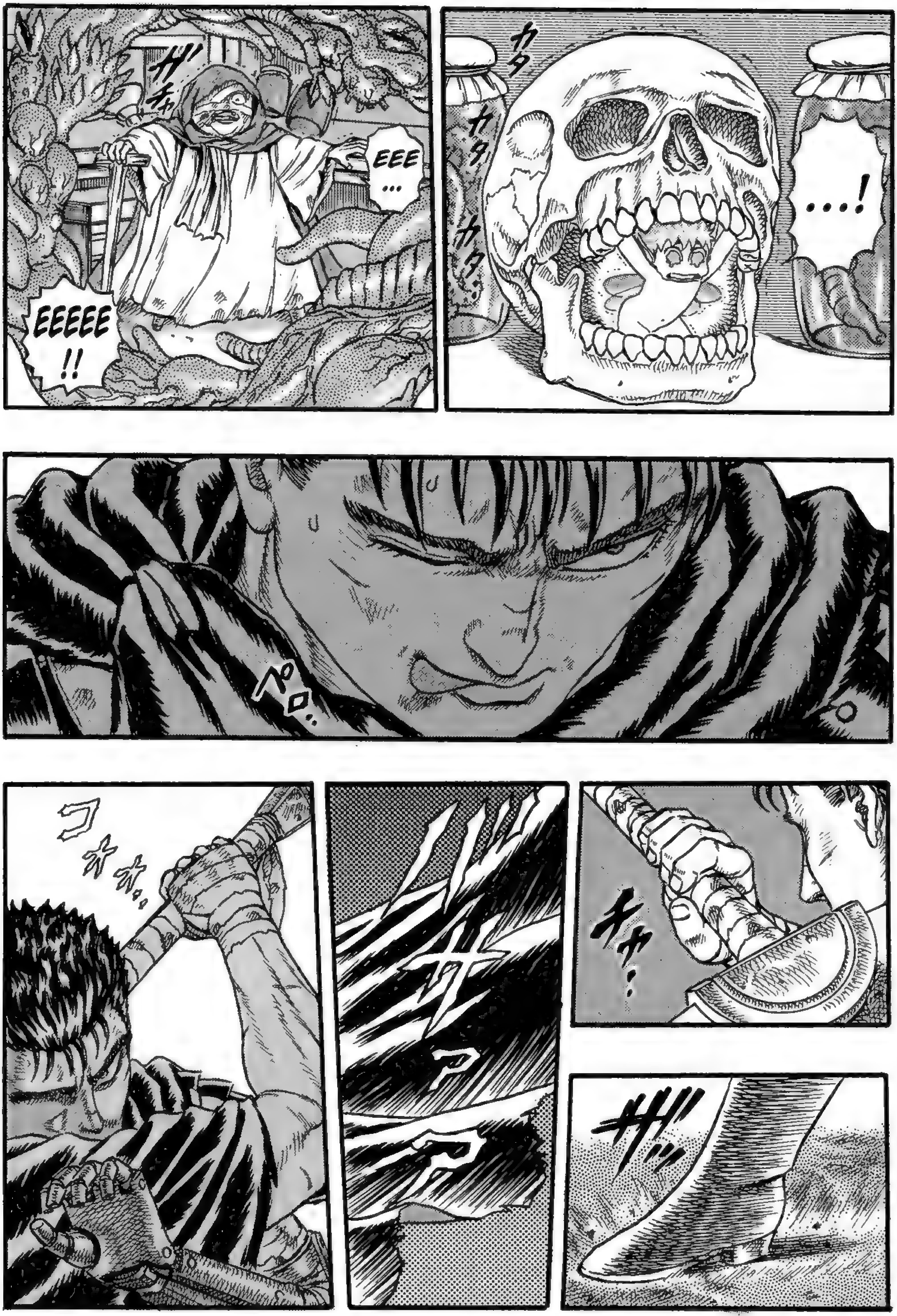
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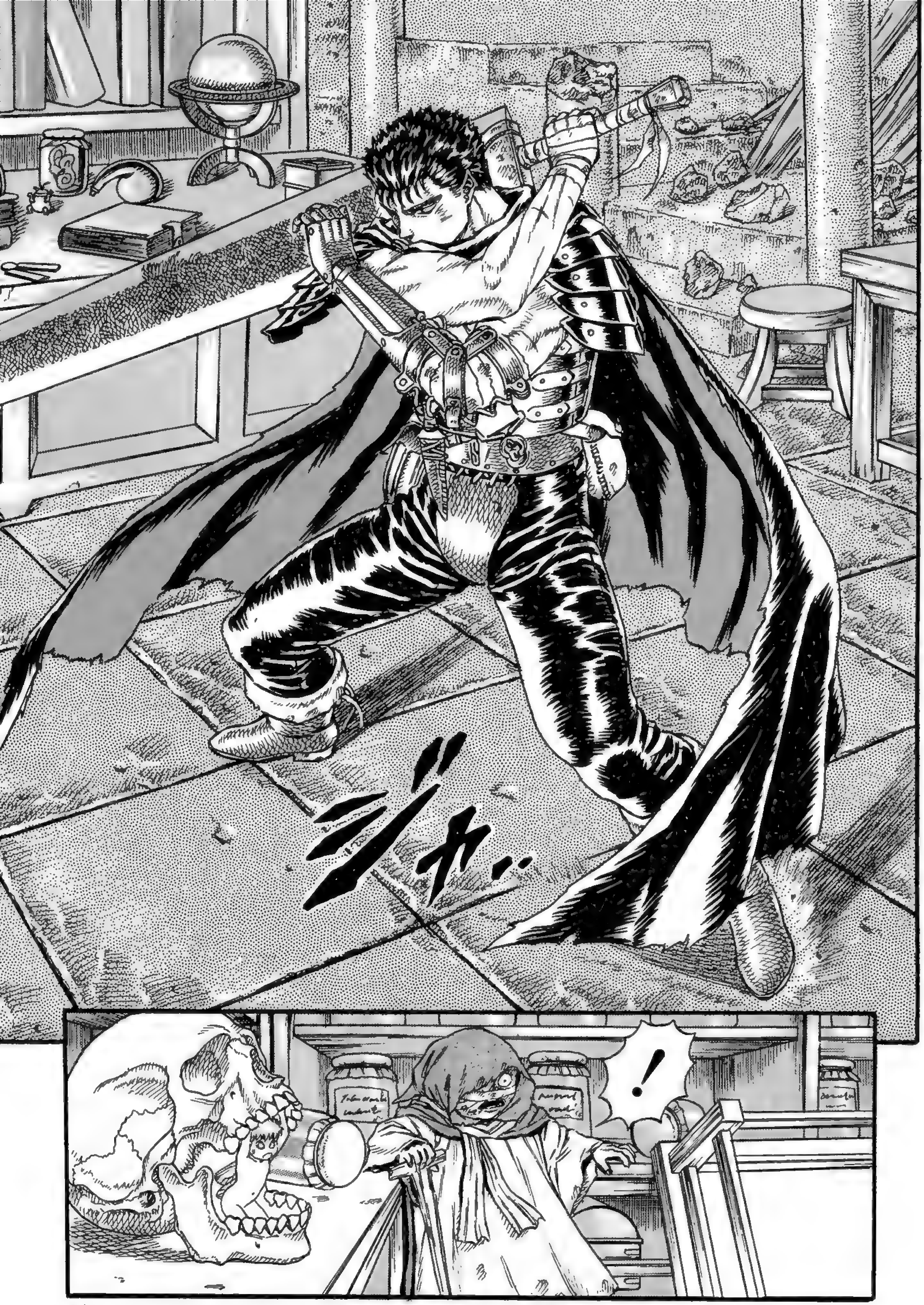
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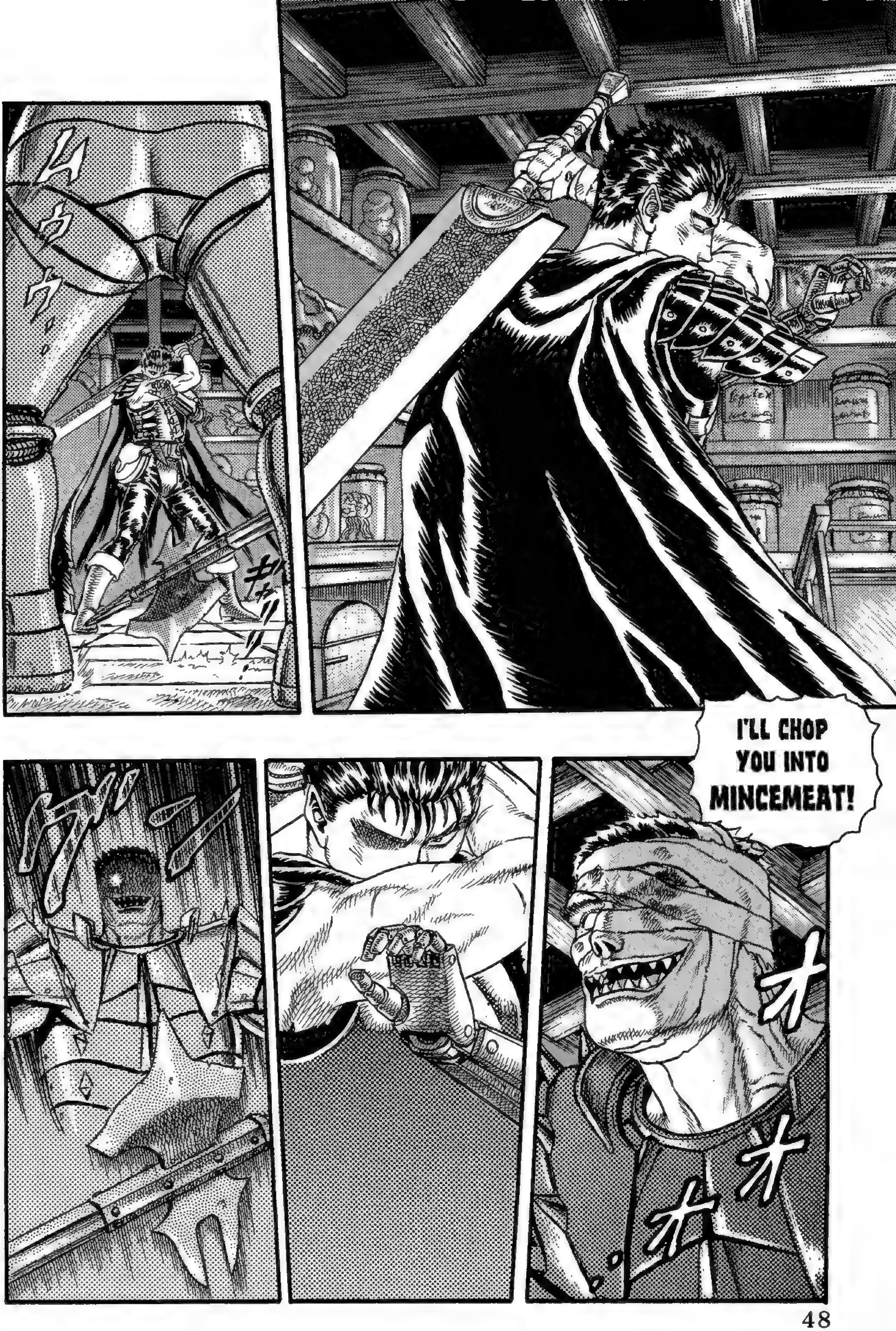
I'LL CHOP YOU INTO MINCEMEAT!
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ギュン…
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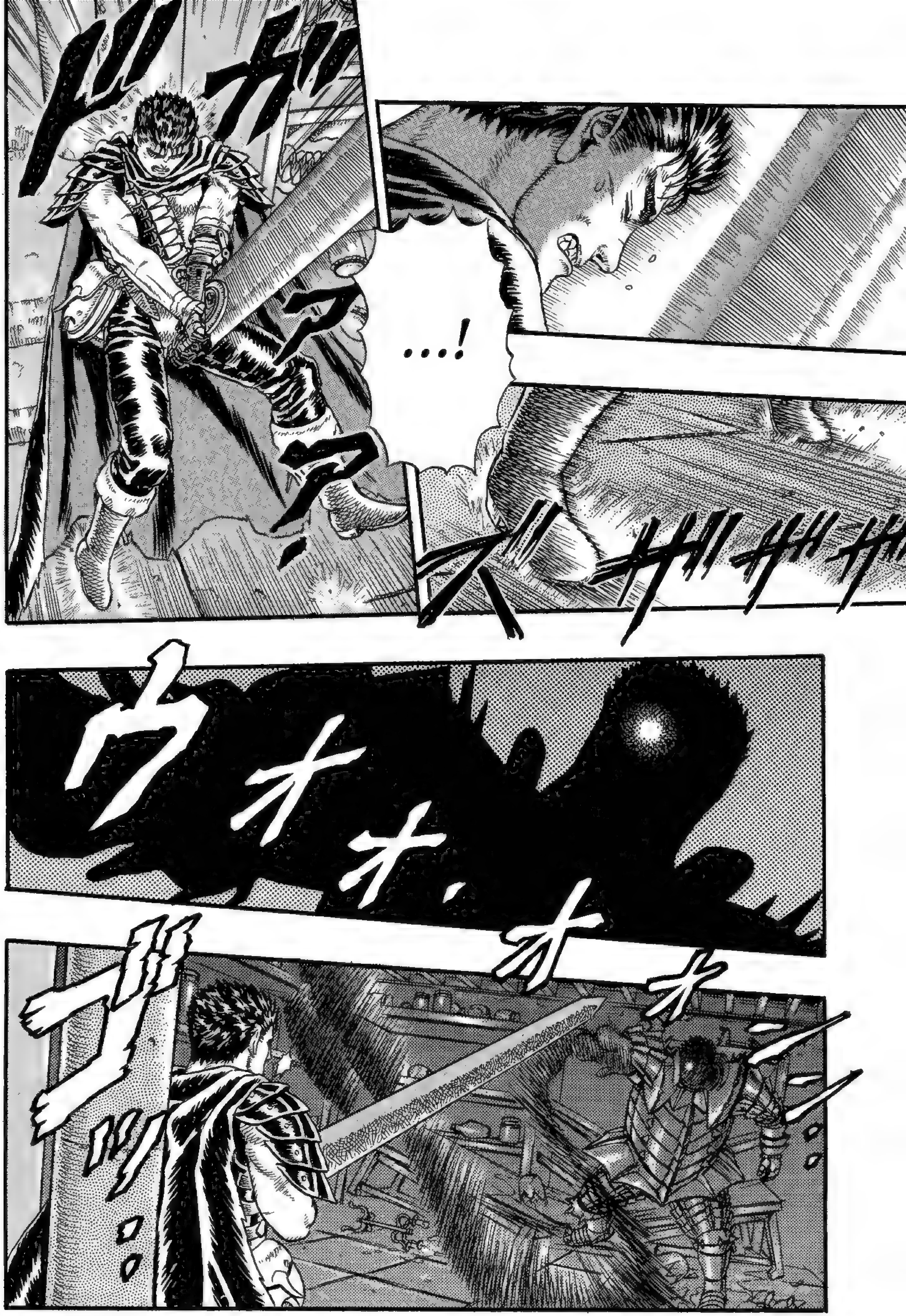
WHOAH!
ギャオオン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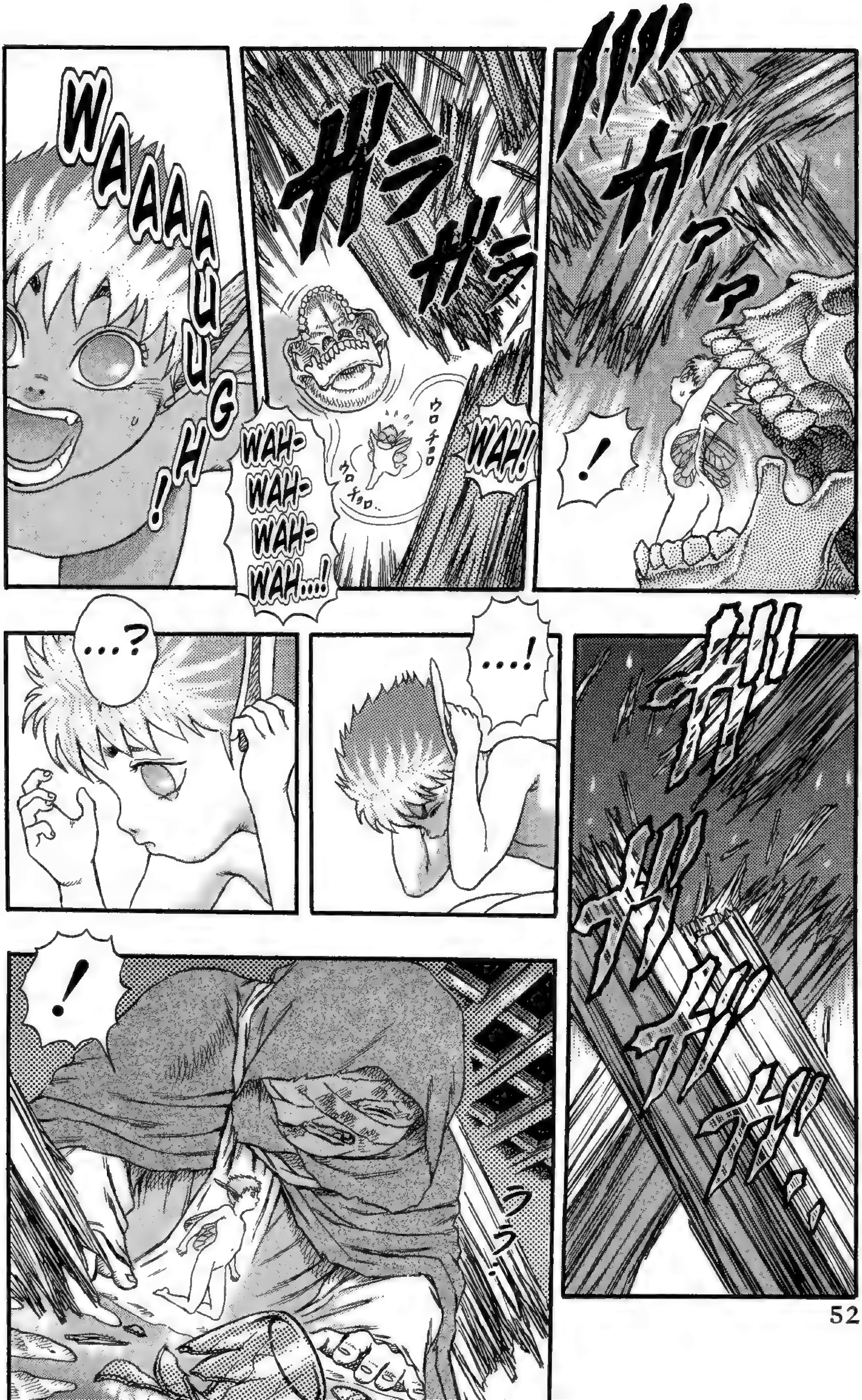
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WAH-WAH-WAH-WAH...!
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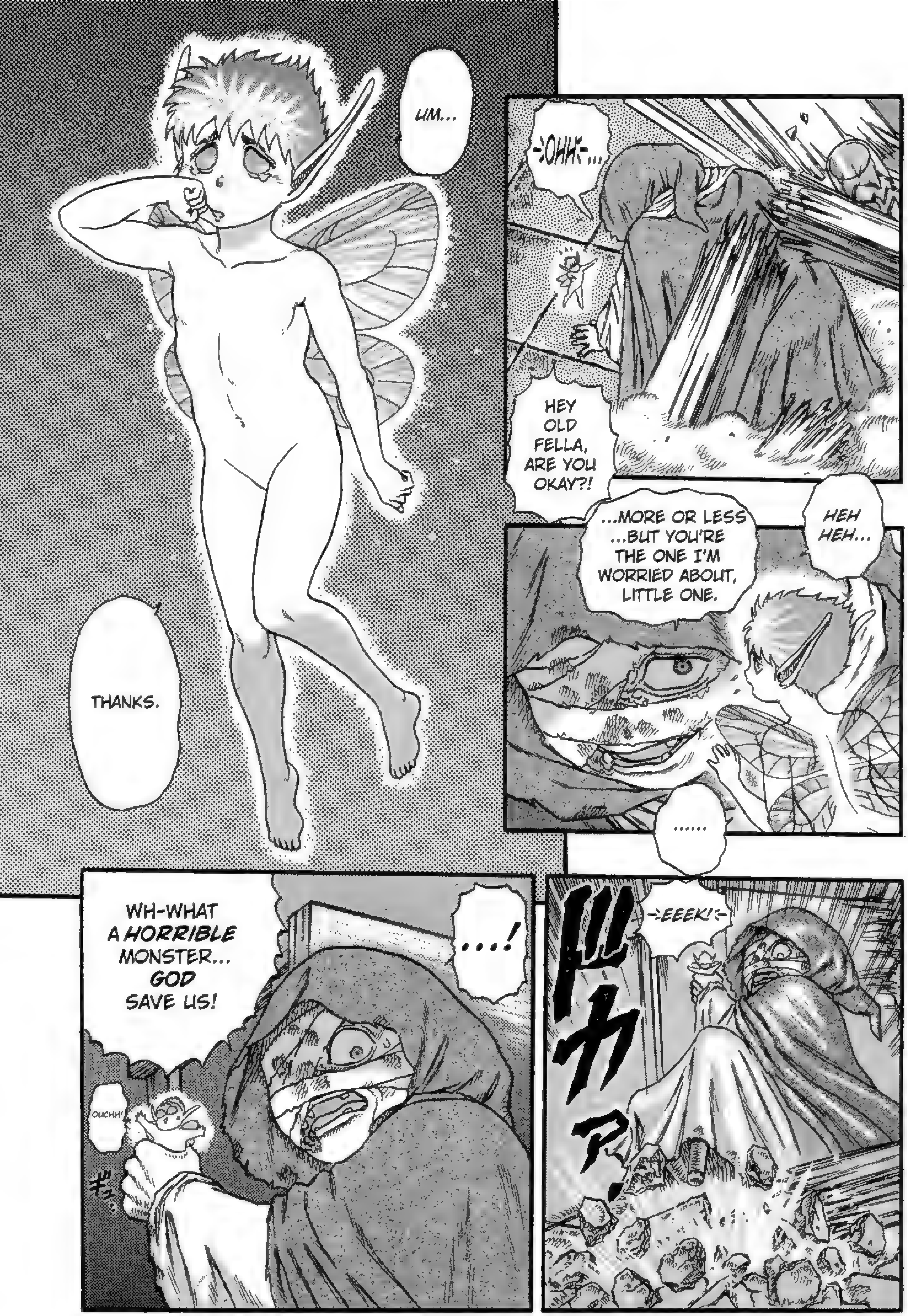
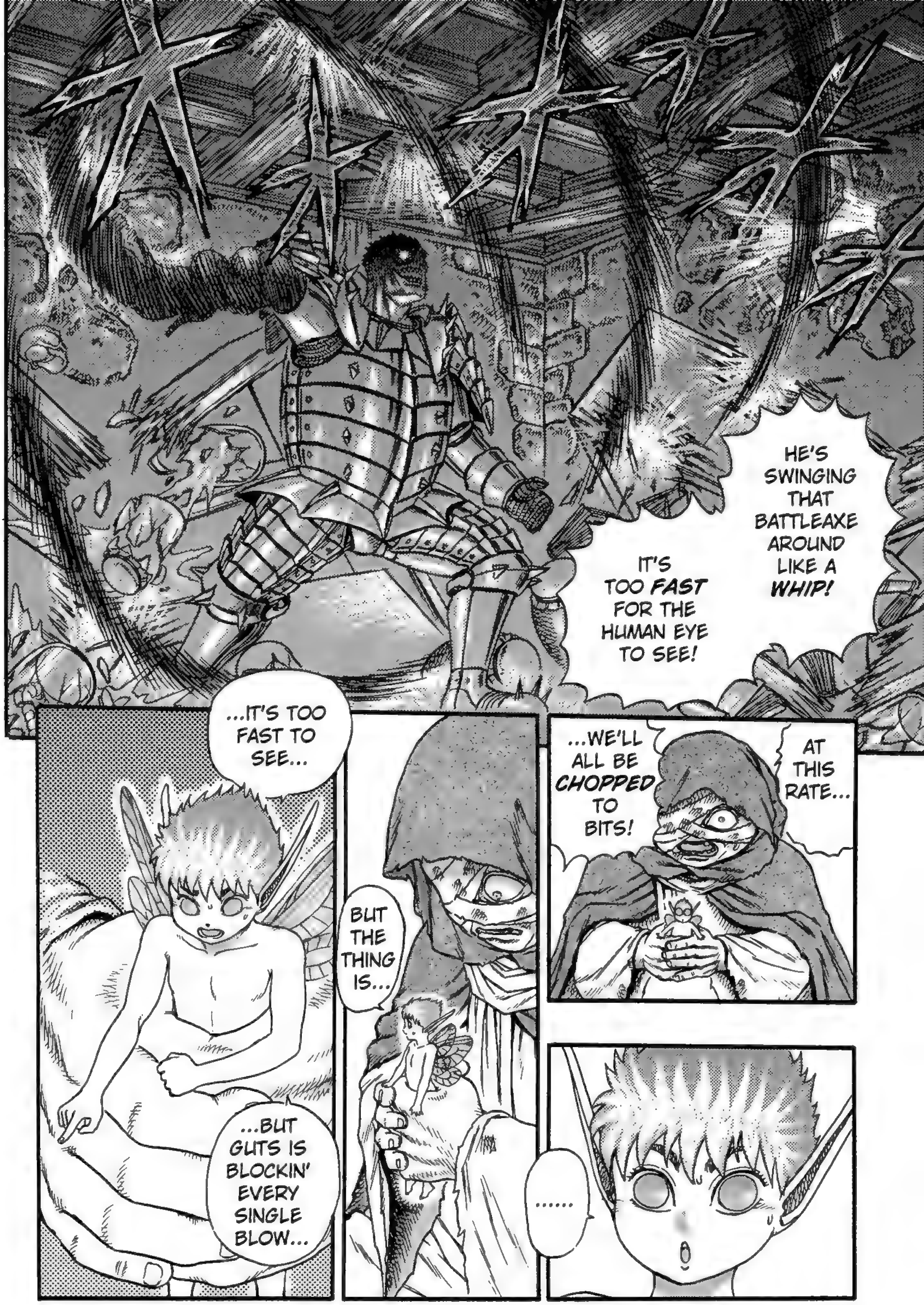

-OHH-...
HEY OLD FELLA, ARE YOU OKAY?!
...MORE OR LESS ...BUT YOU'RE THE ONE I'M WORRIED ABOUT, LITTLE ONE.
HEH HEH...
......
UM...
THANKS.
-EEEK!-
ドカァ
...!
WH-WHAT A HORRIBLE MONSTER... GOD SAVE US!
OUCHH!
ギュ


HE'S SWINGING THAT BATTLEAXE AROUND LIKE A *WHIP!*
IT'S TOO *FAST* FOR THE HUMAN EYE TO SEE!
AT THIS RATE...
...WE'LL ALL BE *CHOPPED* TO BITS!
...IT'S TOO FAST TO SEE...
BUT THE THING IS...
...BUT GUTS IS BLOCKIN' EVERY SINGLE BLOW...
......

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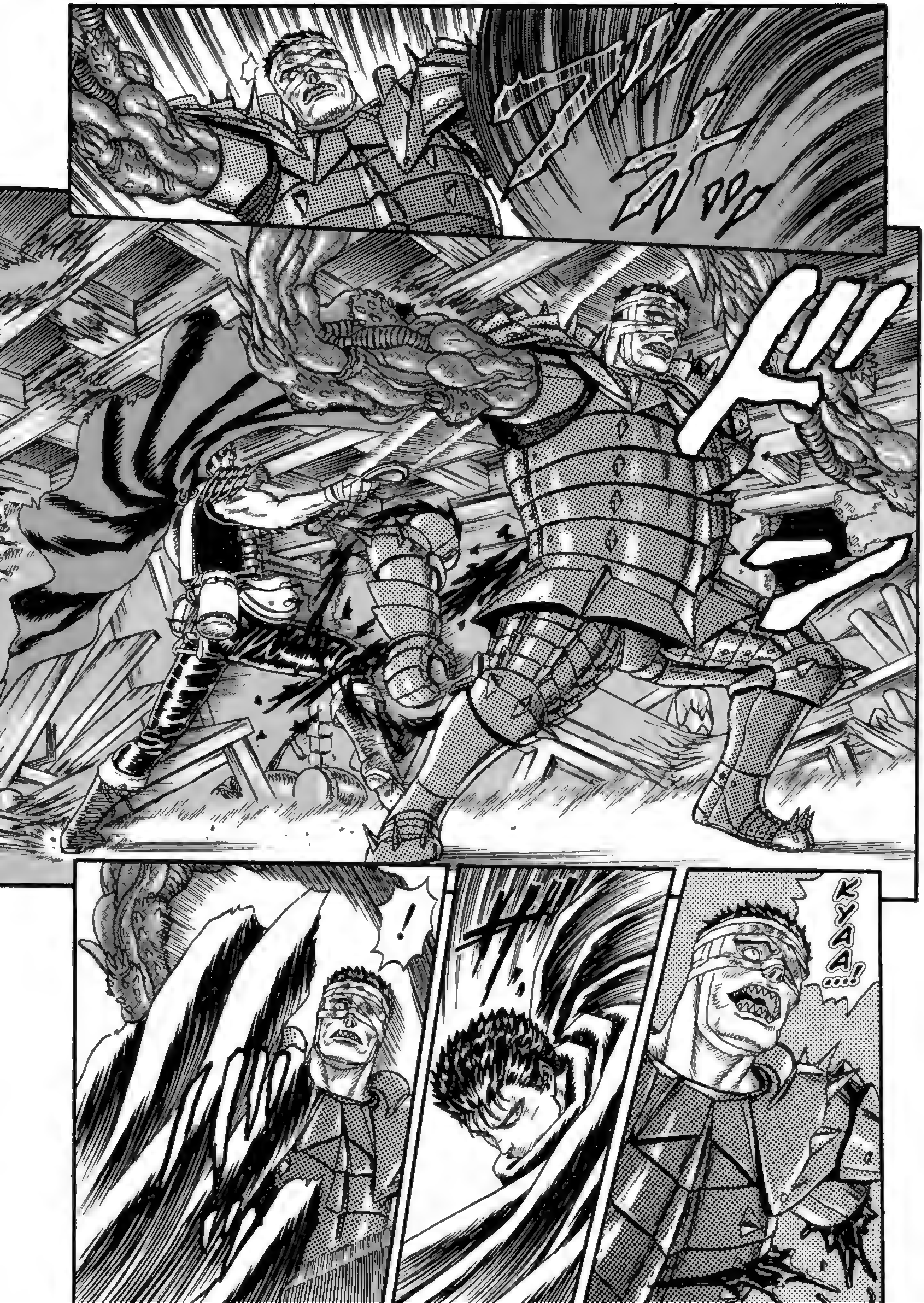
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GAGGGH
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SHAAAAA!
-PHEW-
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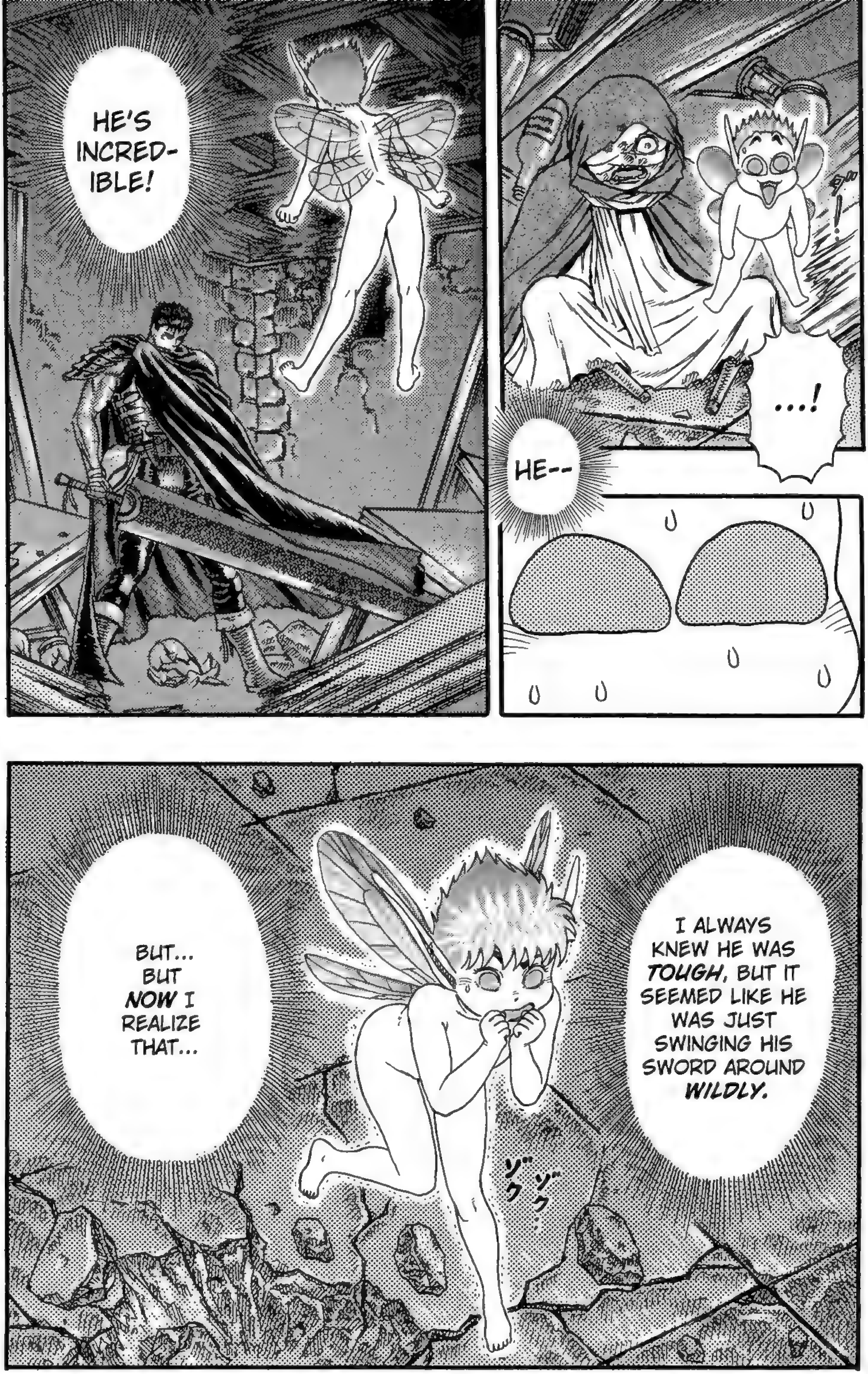
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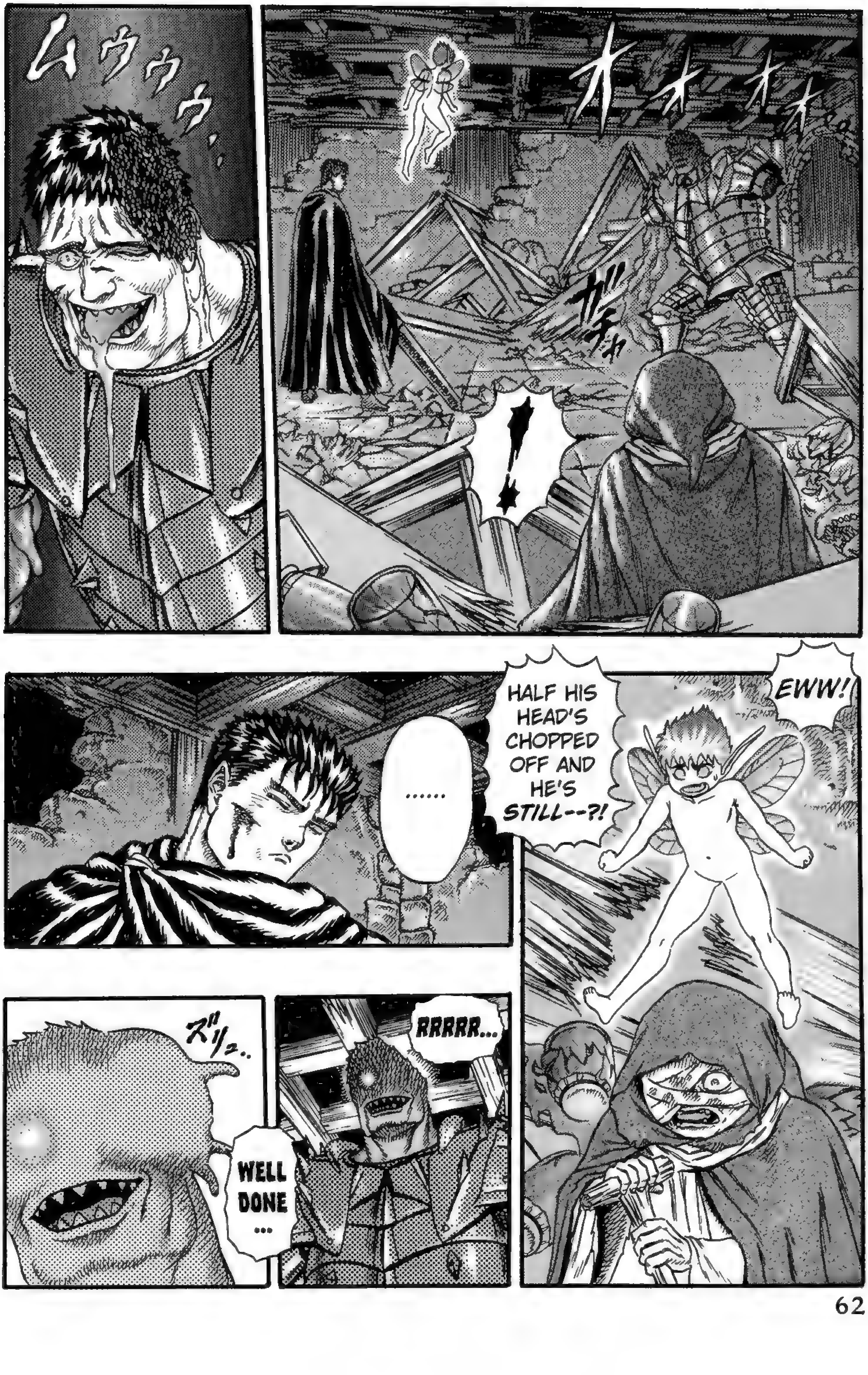
...!
HE--
HE'S INCREDIBLE!
I ALWAYS KNEW HE WAS *TOUGH*, BUT IT SEEMED LIKE HE WAS JUST SWINGING HIS SWORD AROUND *WILDLY.*
BUT... BUT *NOW* I REALIZE THAT...
ゾク ゾク...

...HE ...HE'S A *MASTER SWORDSMAN!!*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ガチャ
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ムウウウ・・
EWW!
HALF HIS HEAD'S CHOPPED OFF AND HE'S *STILL*--?!
......
RRRRR...
ズリュ..
WELL DONE ...

!
ムアアア
...!
BLACK SWORDS-MAN!
ビクン ビクン
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ウオオオオオン
NOT BAD, BLACK SWORDSMAN...
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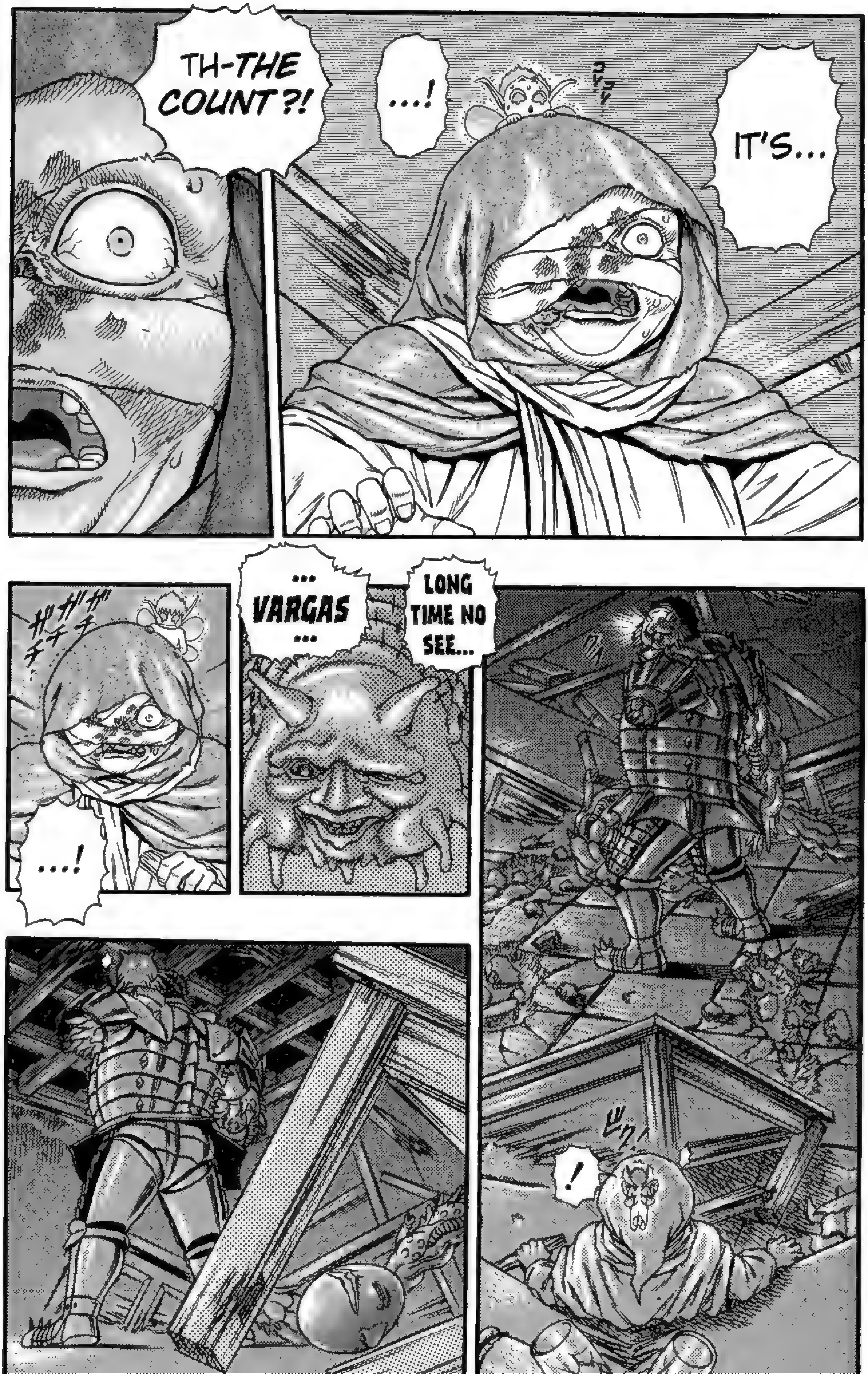
FOR A MORTAL, THAT IS.


TH-*THE* COUNT?!
...!
IT'S...
...!
...VARGAS...
LONG TIME NO SEE...
!

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ザ!!
!
ガチャ
SO IT IS YOU...
JUST YOU **WAIT.** AFTER I TAKE CARE OF HIM, I'LL BE ***DELIGHTED*** TO CONTINUE WHERE WE LEFT OFF SEVEN YEARS AGO.

TRULY IMPRESSIVE...
YOU'VE HONED YOUR STRENGTH AND SKILL TO THE UTMOST.
...NO *HUMAN*, THAT IS.
SURELY NO ONE CAN DEFEAT YOU...
THE FACT THAT YOU'RE MORTAL...

...IS YOUR DOWNFALL!
バキャアア
!

GAAA ..?!
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!
ガガァァ
-UGHH!!-

HEY! OVER HERE!
!
ドドドドド
HURRY!
ボッ
ヴォオオオオオ。

-YECH!-
THAT'S YOUR IDEA OF AN ESCAPE ROUTE?
STINKY...
I WONDER IF HE'S DEAD?
HMMM...
W-WAS THAT...
...THE COUNT?
NAH, IT'S NOT THE COUNT.
IT WAS MORE LIKE HIS DAEMON.

IT WAS FEEDING OFF THAT GUY UP THERE, IN TOTAL CONTROL OF HIS MIND AND BODY.
ALL THAT REMAINED WAS HIS DESIRE TO KILL.
THIS IS WHERE WE PART.
BUT BEFORE I GO...
...THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT FROM YOU.
THE *BEHELIT.*
C'MON. THINK OF IT AS DOWN PAYMENT FOR KILLING THE COUNT.
THAT THING'S OF *NO USE* TO YOU ANYWAY.
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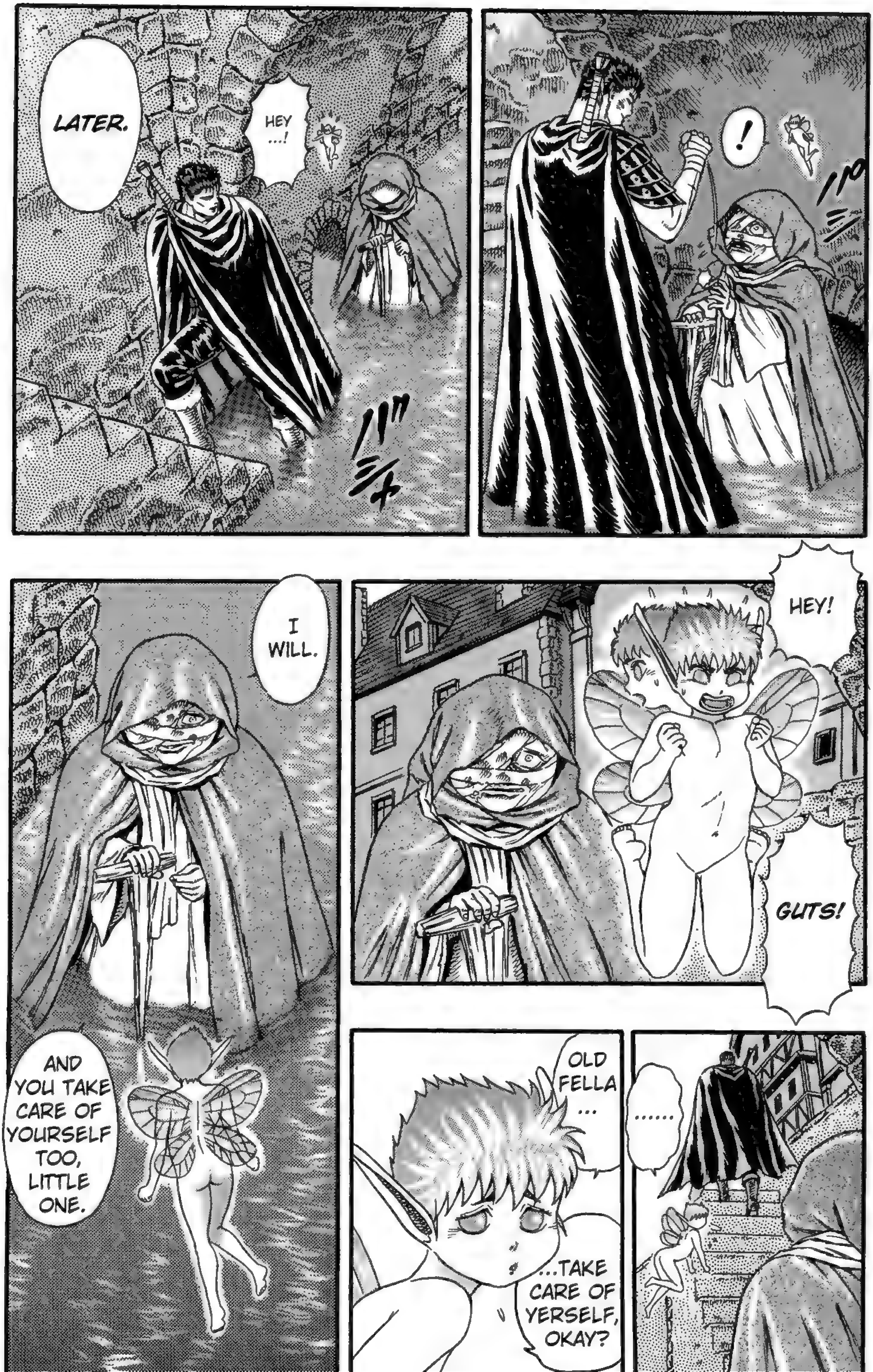
LATER.
HEY ...!
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I WILL.
AND YOU TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF TOO, LITTLE ONE.
HEY! GUTS!
OLD FELLA ...
...TAKE CARE OF YERSELF, OKAY?
......

YOU'RE A GOOD PERSON, Y'KNOW THAT?
AT FIRST I THOUGHT YOU WERE KINDA *CREEPY,* BUT...
OH... I'M SORRY!
....
THAT'S OKAY...
...NOW GO.
UH... OKAY.
BYE.
....
*OH... UM...*ONE MORE THING...
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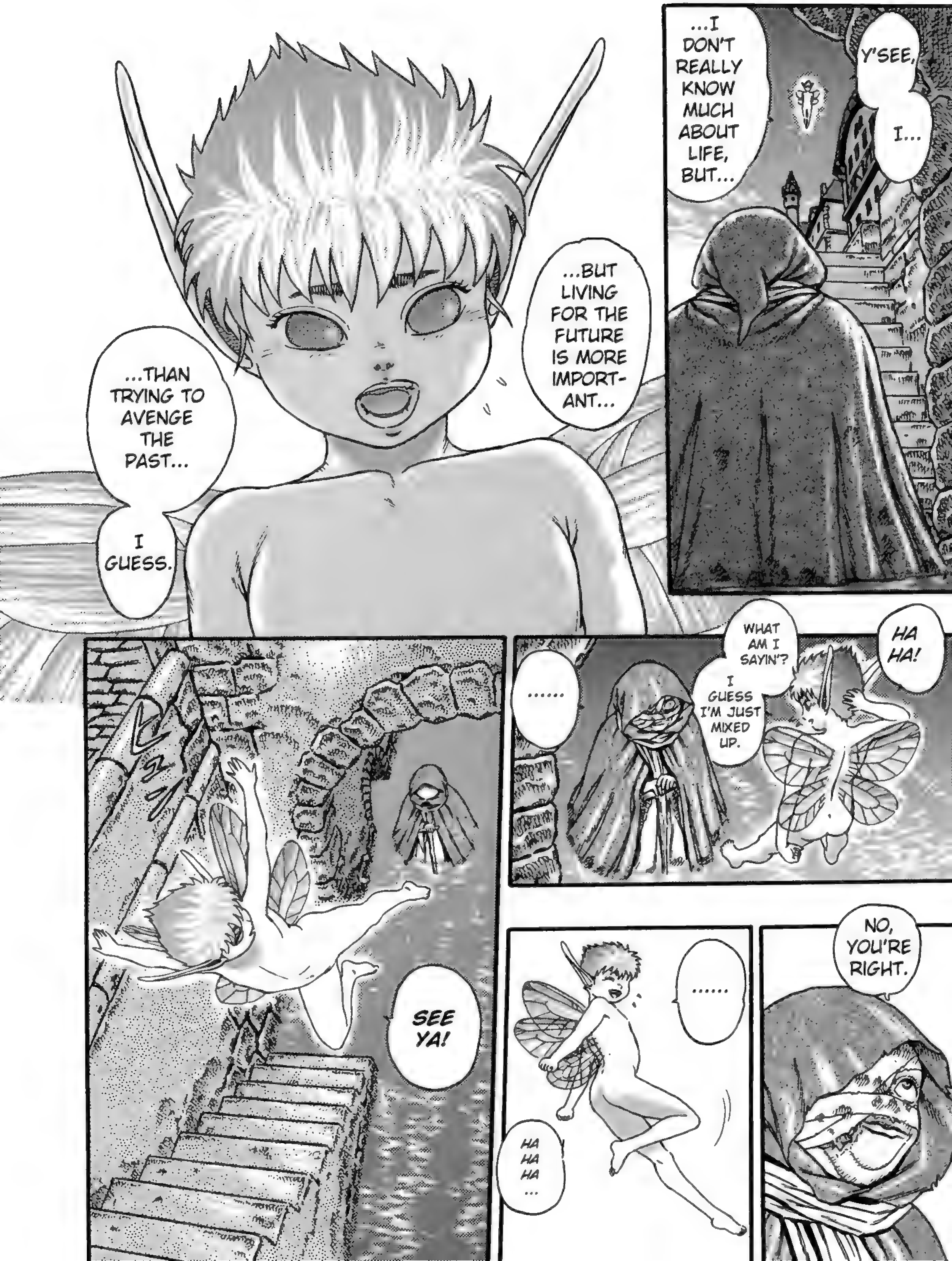
I THINK THAT... THAT...
...PEOPLE NEED TO KEEP *LIVING.*


Y'SEE,
I...
...I DON'T REALLY KNOW MUCH ABOUT LIFE, BUT...
...BUT LIVING FOR THE FUTURE IS MORE IMPORTANT...
...THAN TRYING TO AVENGE THE PAST...
I GUESS.
HA HA!
WHAT AM I SAYIN'?
I GUESS I'M JUST MIXED UP.
....
NO, YOU'RE RIGHT.
....
HA HA HA ...
SEE YA!

SUCH A DEAR ELF...
WELL...
...I CAN'T JUST STAND AROUND HERE FOREVER.
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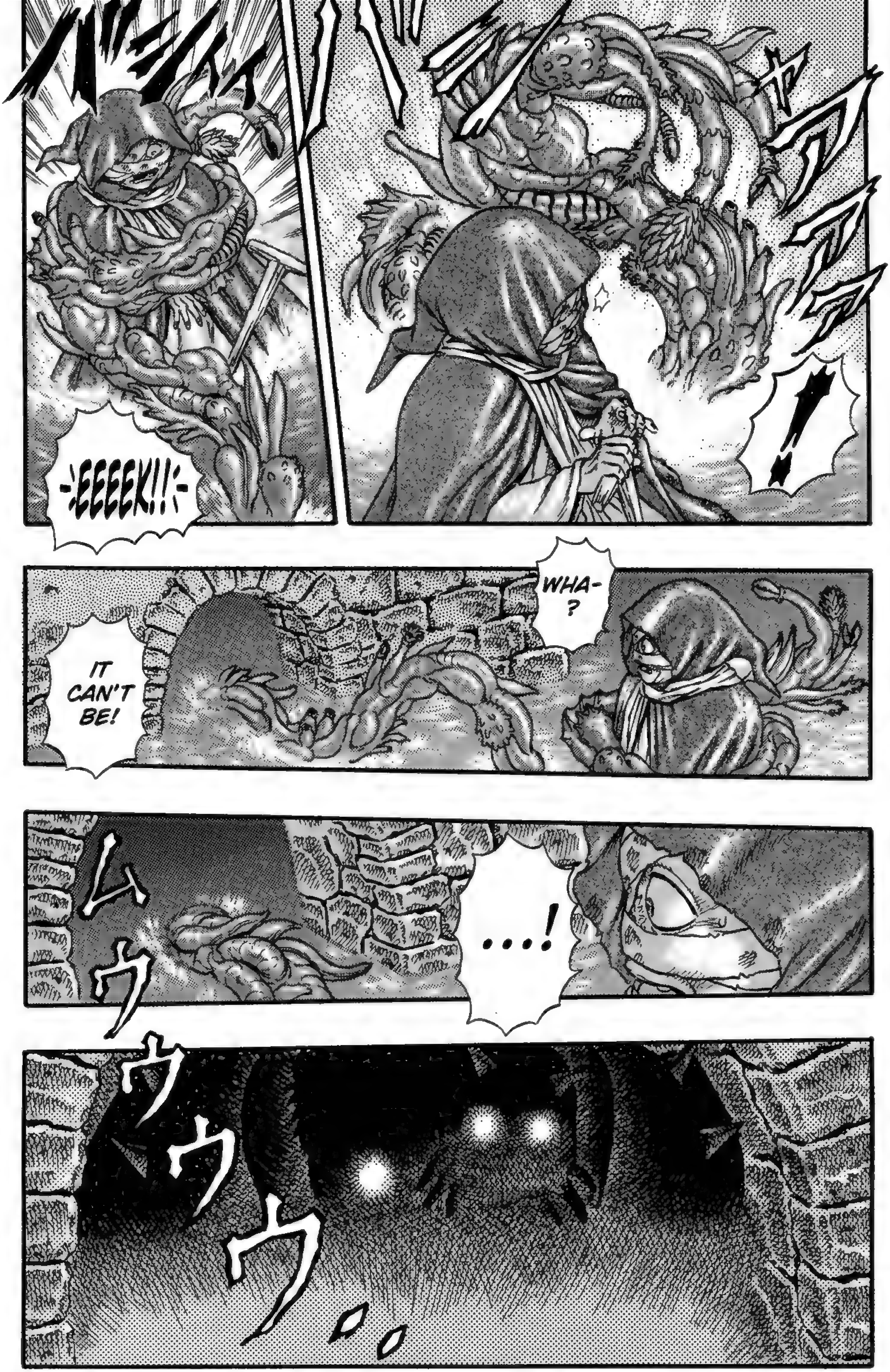
ユラァァ
パシャ…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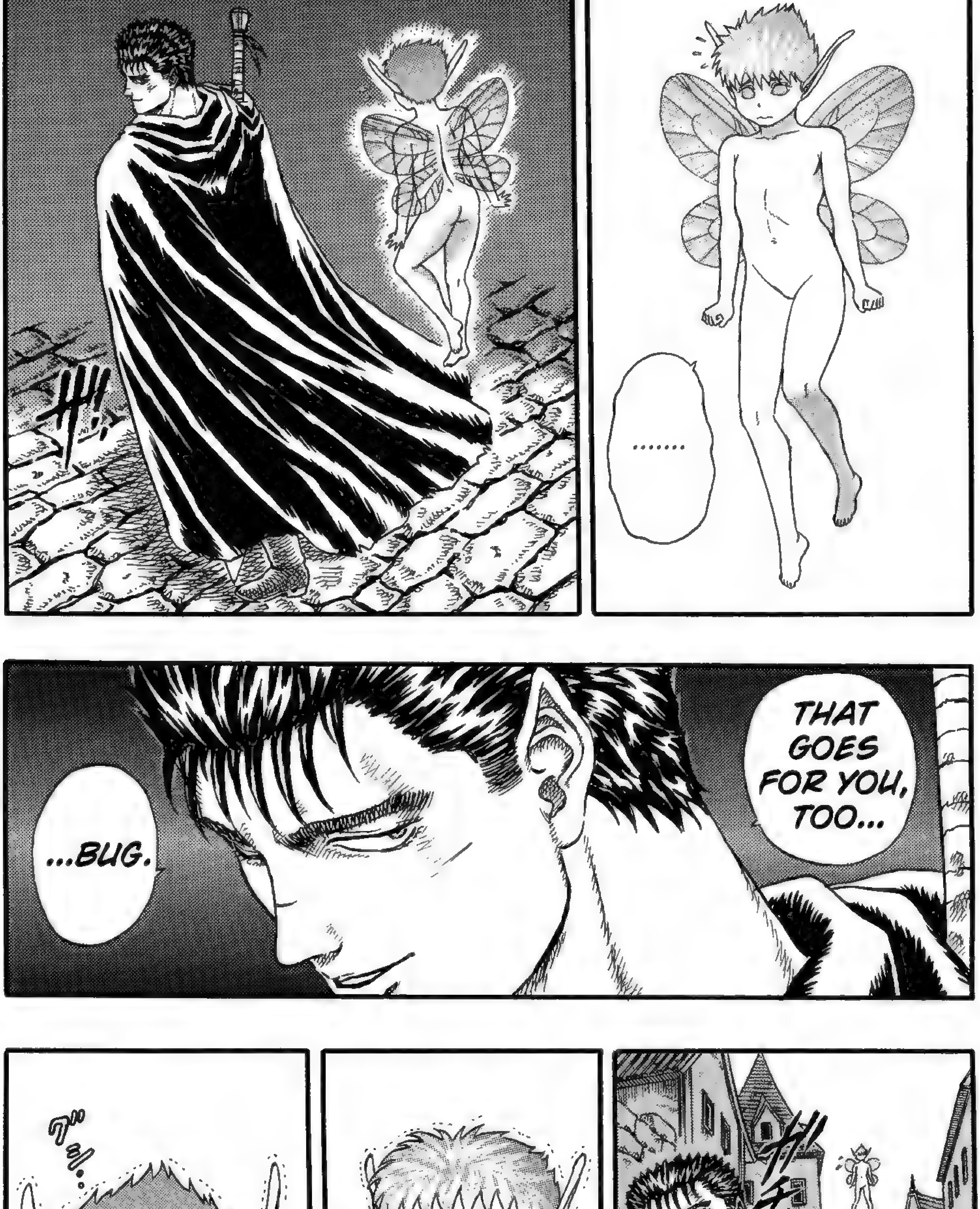
バシィィイ
-EEEEK!!-
WHA-?
IT CAN'T BE!
...!
ムウウウウ

LISTEN, GUTS!
THAT'S SO RUDE!
JUST TAKING THE BEHELIT AND WALKIN' OFF LIKE THAT.
AT LEAST YOU COULDA SEEN HIM OFF SOMEWHERE SAFE.
....
WH-
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?!
HE SAVED YOU, Y'KNOW! HE SHOWED YOU A SECRET PASSAGE INTO THE CASTLE TOO... HE EVEN GAVE YOU THE BEHELIT!
I COULD'VE DONE THOSE THINGS MYSELF.
WELL, EXCEPT FOR THIS, WHICH IS MUCH APPRECIATED.
SCOUNDREL!
SO MUCH THAT I WOULD'VE TAKEN IT BY FORCE IF NECESSARY.

B...
BUT... BUT...
...BOTH OF YOU WANNA DESTROY THE COUNT, RIGHT?
YOU'RE *ALLIES,* AFTER ALL!
HA! HA- HA- HA!
ALLIES?! ME AND HIM?!
...!
YOU'RE KIDDING ME, RIGHT?
EVEN WHEN HE BEGGED ME, I TURNED HIM DOWN. THAT MAGGOTY CREEP.
!
HOW COULD YOU?!
-HMPH!-
HE'LL END UP *DRAGGIN' ME DOWN* WITH HIM.
I CAN'T BE BOTHERED BY SOME *GOOD-FOR-NOTHIN' BASTARD* ACTING LIKE WE'RE *FRIENDS.*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THAT GOES FOR YOU, TOO...
...BUG.
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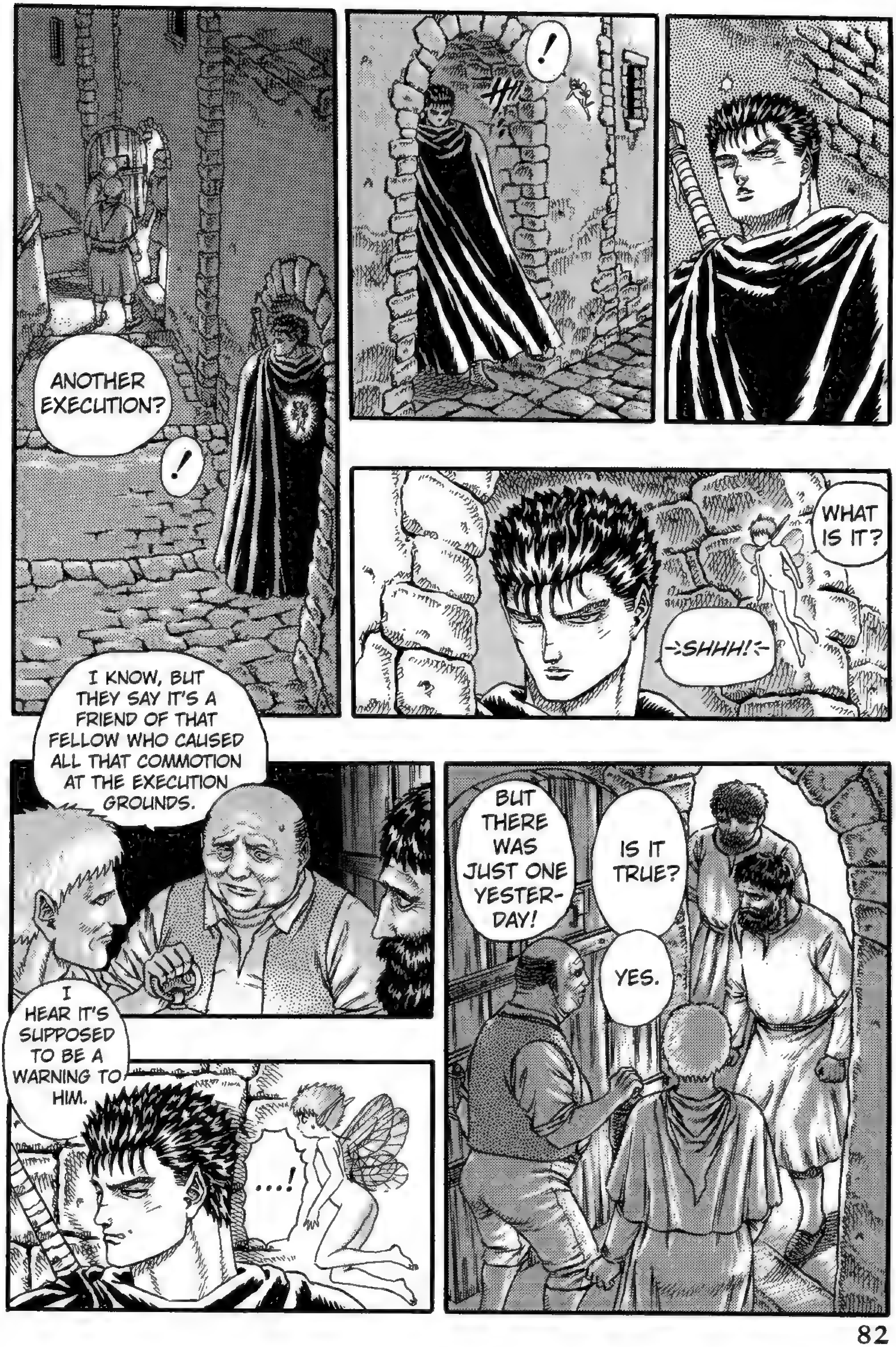
グジ..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WHAT IS IT?
SHHH!
ANOTHER EXECUTION?
!
IS IT TRUE?
YES.
BUT THERE WAS JUST ONE YESTERDAY!
I KNOW, BUT THEY SAY IT'S A FRIEND OF THAT FELLOW WHO CAUSED ALL THAT COMMOTION AT THE EXECUTION GROUNDS.
I HEAR IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A WARNING TO HIM.
....!

GUTS!
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HEY, WAIT!
GUTS ?!
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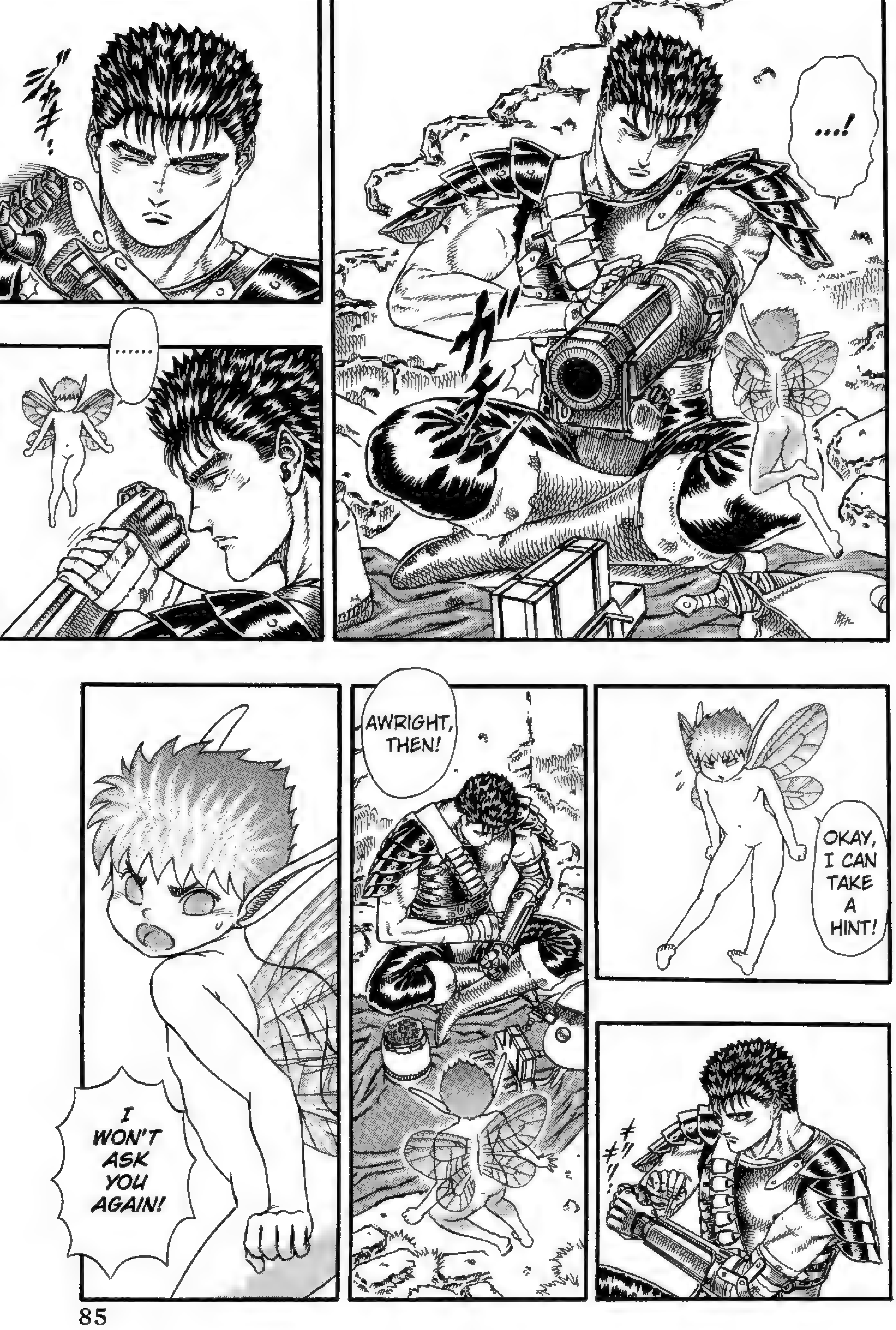
GUTS ...
HEY, GUTS ...
HEY... HEY...
GUTS... UMM...
....
GUTTTTTS!! GRRRR!
KYAA!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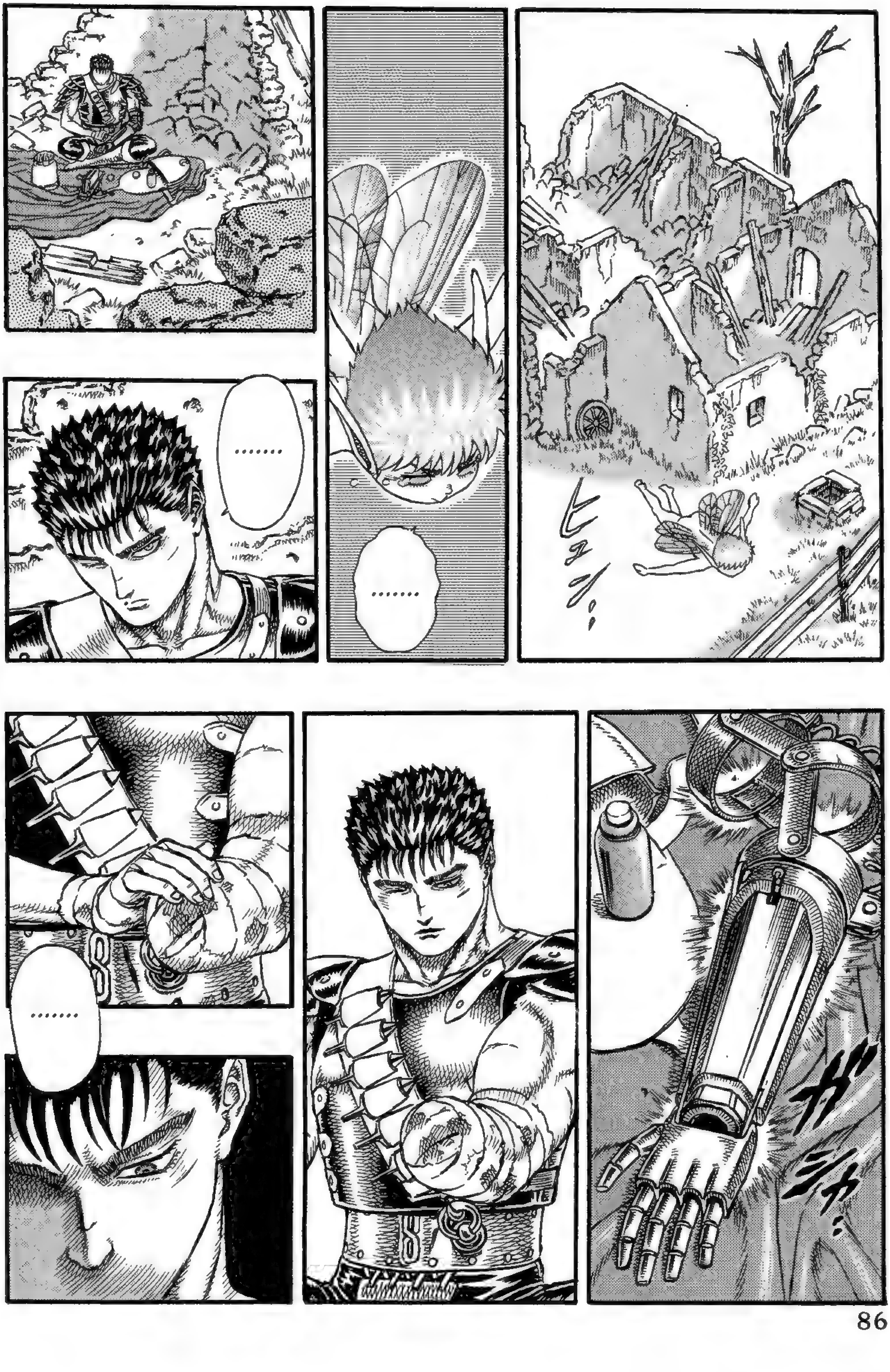
I WON'T ASK YOU AGAIN!
OKAY, I CAN TAKE A HINT!
AWRIGHT, THEN!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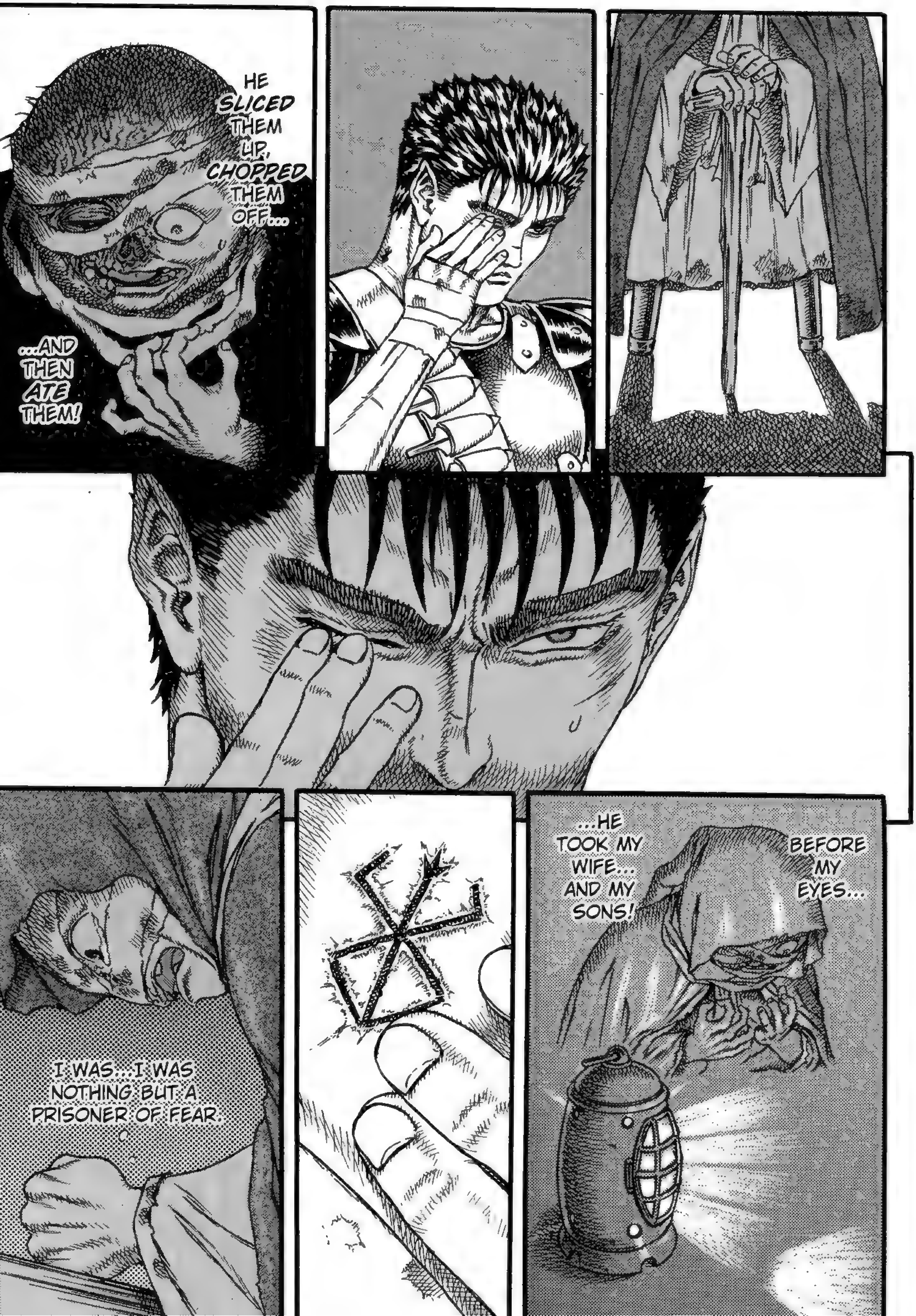
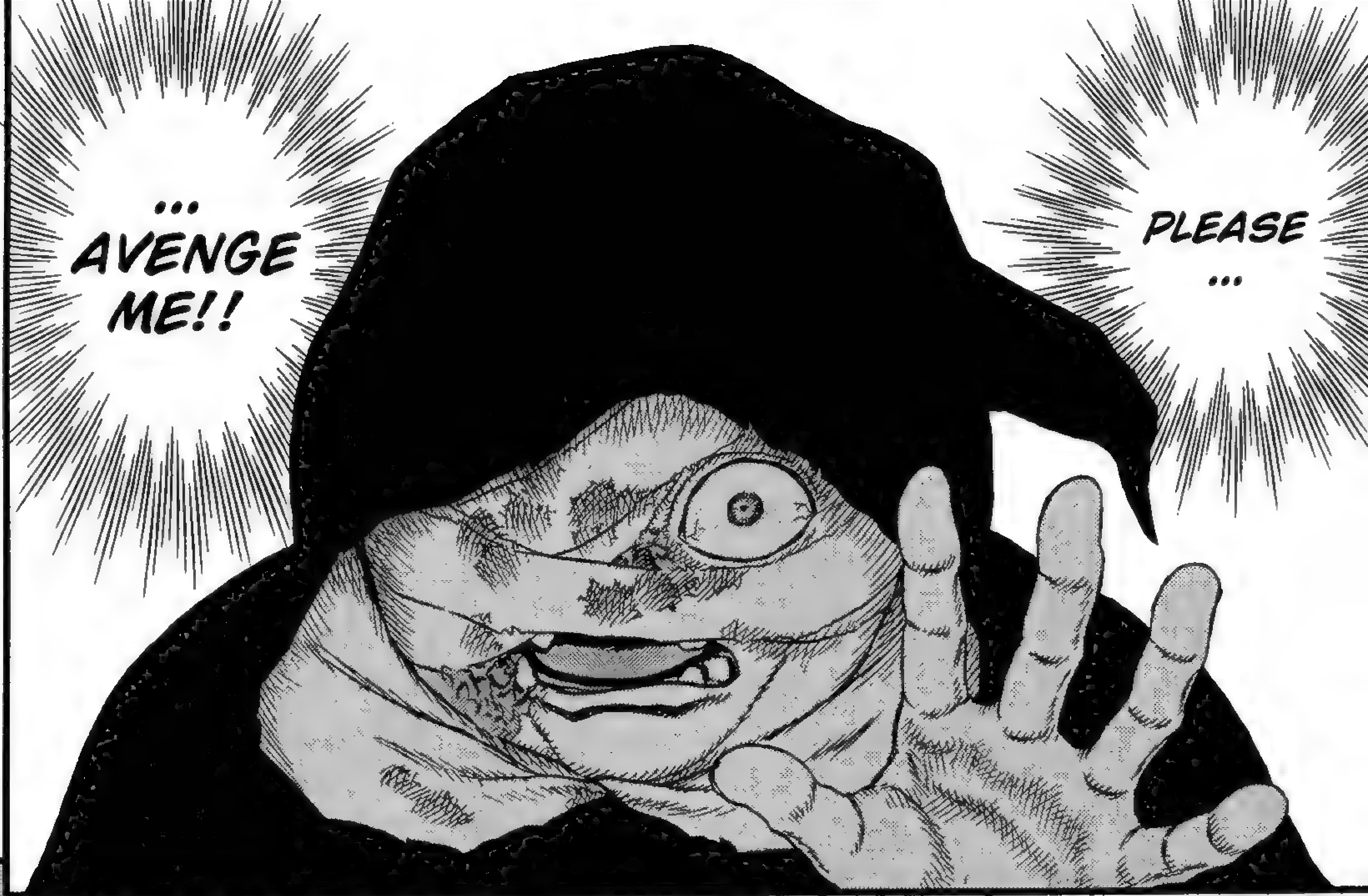
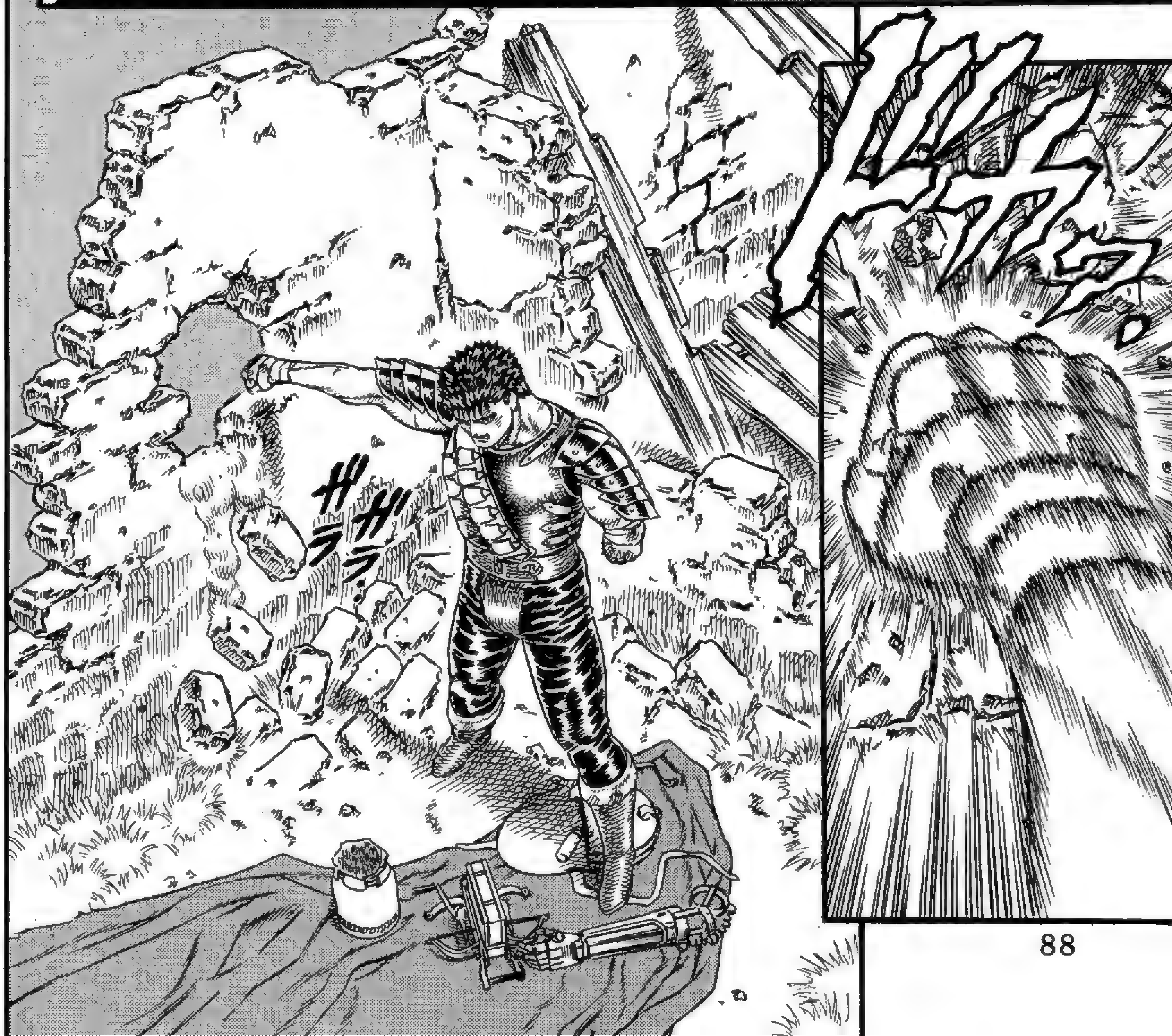

HE SLICED THEM UP, CHOPPED THEM OFF...
...AND THEN ATE THEM!
BEFORE MY EYES...
...HE TOOK MY WIFE... AND MY SONS!
I WAS... I WAS NOTHING BUT A PRISONER OF FEAR.


PLEASE ...
... AVENGE ME!!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WE MEET AGAIN, VARGAS.

WHAT HAS IT BEEN, SEVEN YEARS NOW?
HO HO!
....
WHAT ARE YOU *GLARING* AT?
NORMALLY, WE'D NEED TO GIVE YOU A PAINSTAKING INTERROGATION...BUT I'VE DECIDED TO GET IT OVER WITH AND EXECUTE YOU RIGHT AWAY. YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL.
YOUR MAJESTY, THE *OBJECT* YOU MENTIONED IS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.
I SEE.
SO THE *BLACK SWORDSMAN* HAS IT...

OLD FELLA!
OOOHH! WHAT TO DO? WHAT TO DO?!
GUTS!
GUTS!
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!

...!
I KNEW YOU'D COME!!
パンパン!!
THERE IS SOME GOOD IN YOU!
PANT PANT ...
SO, WHADDYA GONNA DO?
YOU BETTER HURRY UP OR THE OLD FELLA'S GONNA...
...!
YOU ...
...YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG!
HUH?
I JUST CAME TO WATCH...
...TO WATCH HIM DIE.

......
LOOK.
IN THE SHADOWS PAST THE CASTLE GATE...
IT'S A *TRAP.* AS SOON AS I APPROACH THE EXECUTION STAND, HUNDREDS OF TROOPS WILL *BURST OUT.*
YOU THINK I'M SO *NOBLE* THAT I'LL JUST WALK RIGHT INTO THEIR *TRAP?*
......
IF YOU'RE SO WORRIED ABOUT IT...
...WHY DON'T *YOU* SAVE 'IM?
!
GULP!
BUT ...
BUT...

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BUT ....
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...I COULDN'T POSSIBLY DO THAT ALONE...
-HMPH-
THEN SHUT UP.
....
AN AVERAGE PERSON ...
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A MISFIT WHO CAN'T EVEN SWING A SWORD. IT'S RIDICULOUS FOR HIM TO THINK HE CAN DEFEAT THAT MONSTER.
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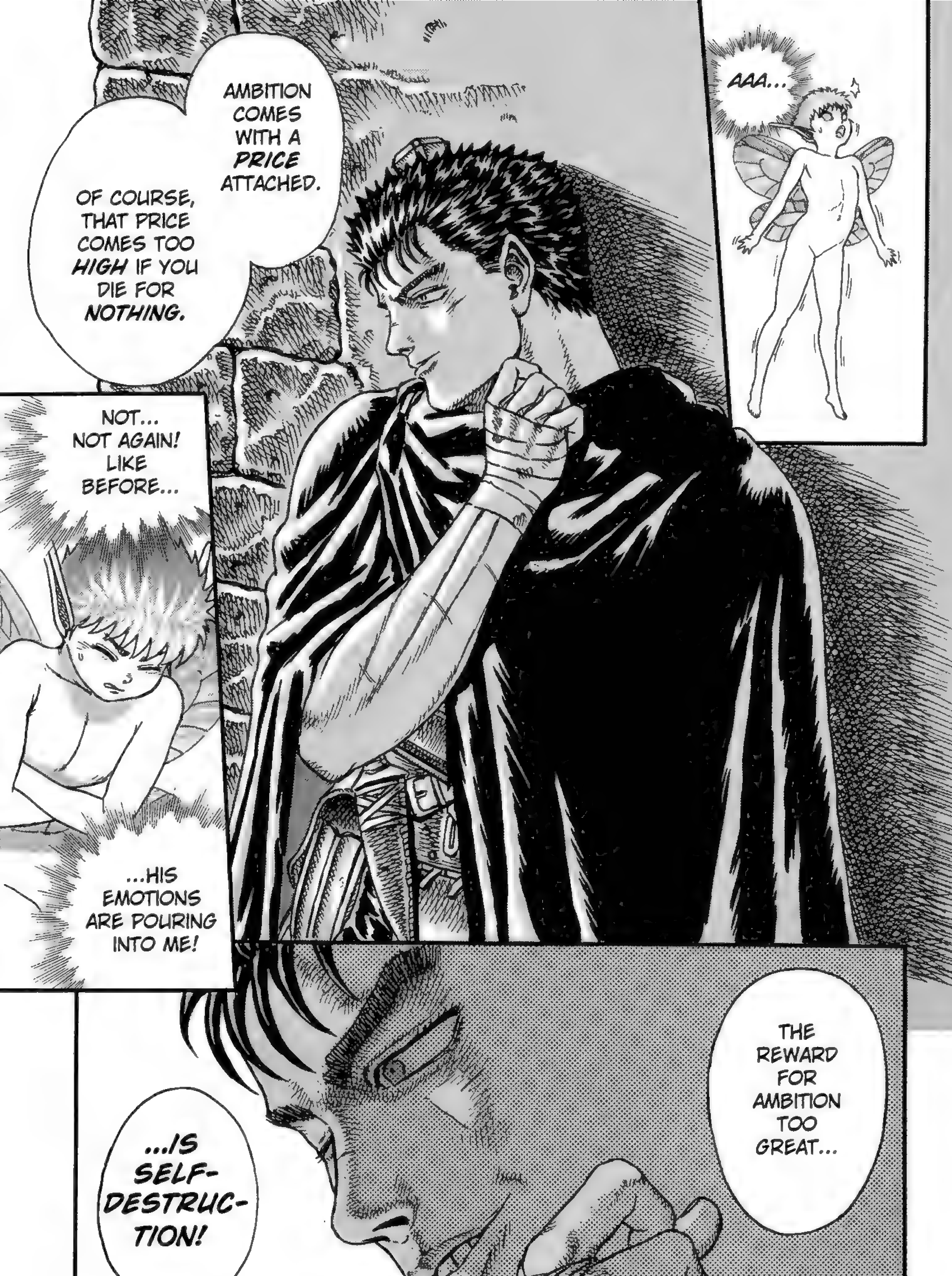
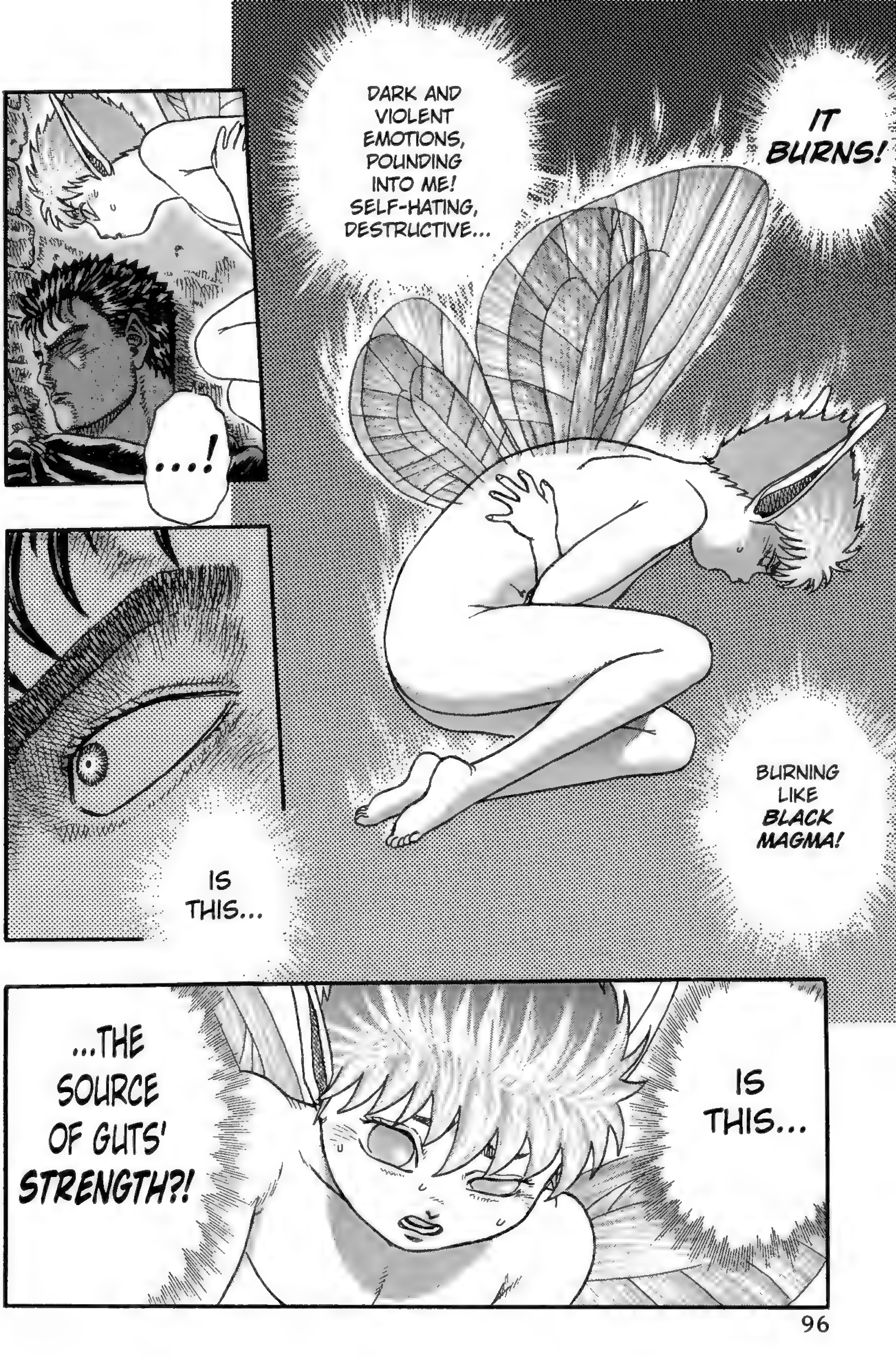
THE SAME GOES FOR HIM.


AAA...
AMBITION COMES WITH A PRICE ATTACHED.
OF COURSE, THAT PRICE COMES TOO HIGH IF YOU DIE FOR NOTHING.
NOT... NOT AGAIN! LIKE BEFORE...
...HIS EMOTIONS ARE POURING INTO ME!
THE REWARD FOR AMBITION TOO GREAT...
...IS SELF-DESTRUCTION!


...!
DARK AND VIOLENT EMOTIONS, POUNDING INTO ME! SELF-HATING, DESTRUCTIVE...
IT BURNS!
BURNING LIKE BLACK MAGMA!
IS THIS...
...THE SOURCE OF GUTS' STRENGTH?!
IS THIS...

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…!
OLD FELLA …
…!
HE SHOULD'VE KNOWN HIS LIMITS.
A RAT SHOULD LIVE LIKE A RAT.
……
GUTS ….
…ARE YOU AFRAID?

...!
WHAT'RE YOU *TALKIN'* ABOUT?
......
THE OLD FELLA...
...FIGHTING *ENEMIES* HE CAN'T *POSSIBLY* DEFEAT.
YOU'RE *AFRAID* OF HIM, AREN'T YOU?
YEAH!
YOU *ARE* AFRAID...
...AFRAID TO ADMIT THAT YOU'RE *ALSO* FIGHTIN' A LOSING BATTLE.
YOU DON'T WANNA ADMIT THAT *YOU'RE JUST LIKE HIM*...
....!
BAH!
WELL ...
...WELL THEN WHY'D YOU COME HERE?!

IF YOU *REALLY DIDN'T CARE*, YOU WOULDN'T BE HERE AT ALL! IF YOU HATED THE OLD FELLA THAT MUCH...
YOU TALK TOO MUCH, *Y'KNOW* THAT?
WHERE DOES AN ELF LIKE YOU GET OFF TALKIN' LIKE A HUMAN?
...!
-SQUEAK...!-
ガシィィ

....
-GRRRR!-
ガブゥ!
YEEEOW!
YOU ...!
BOP-BOP-BOP-BOP-BOP...
YOU BIG ASS ASS ASS ASS ASS ASS!
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SELFISH BASTARD! CHICKEN!
YOU LITTLE BRAT!
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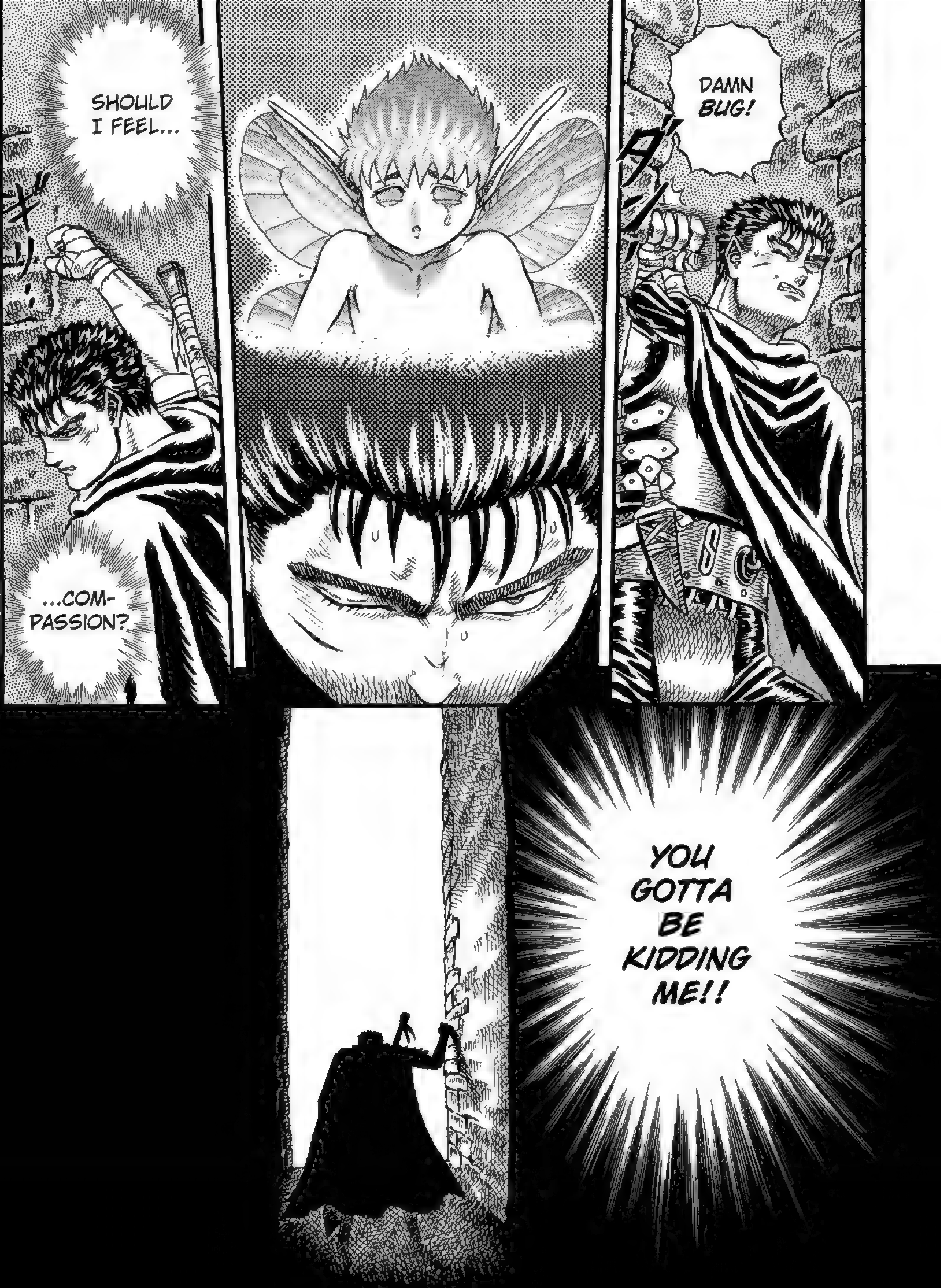
DAMN BUG!
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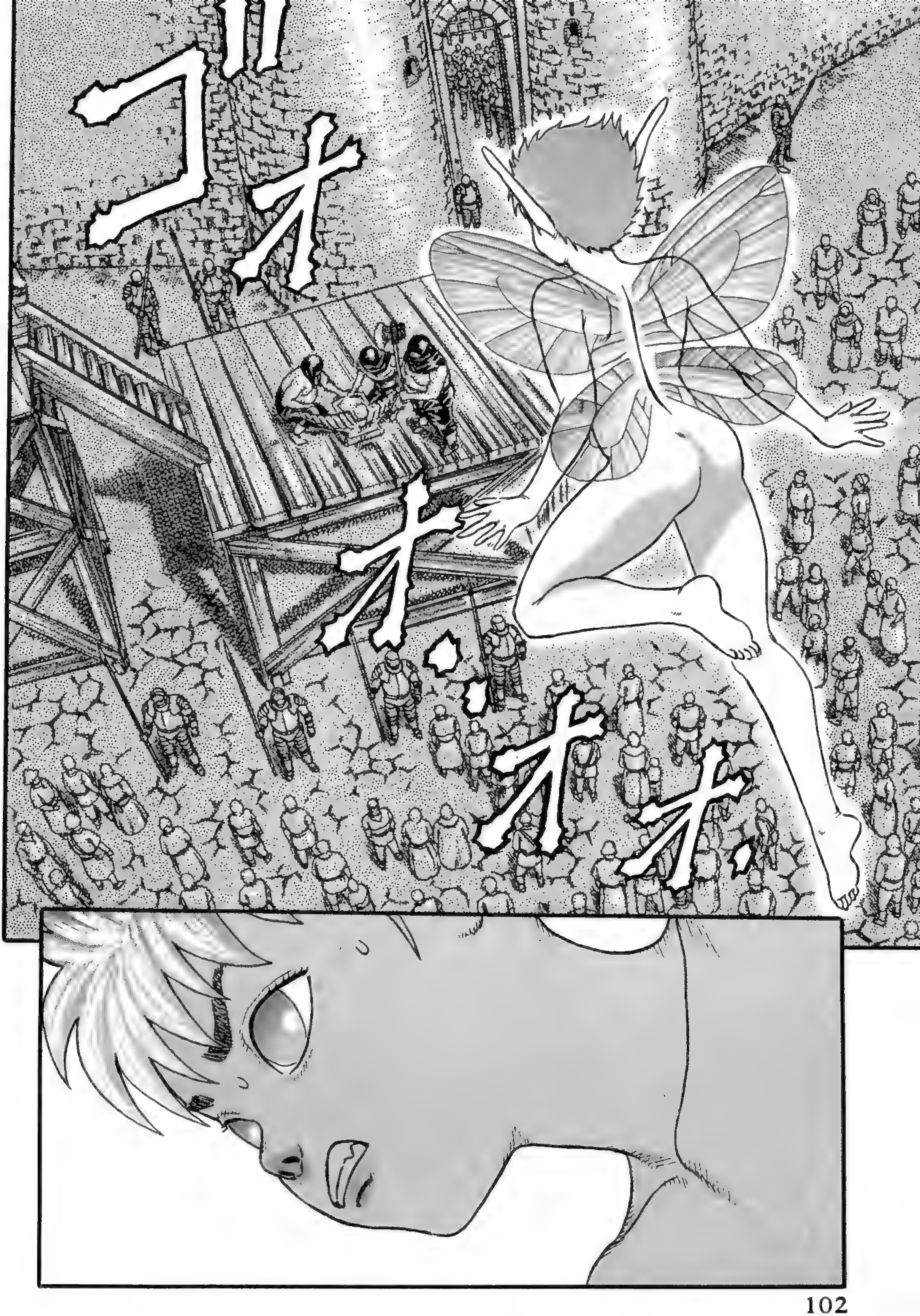
SHOULD I FEEL...
...COM-PASSION?
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!!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オオオ
MY HEAD IS SPLITTING!
FEAR, ANGER, SADNESS, GUILT...
...THE HYSTERIA OF HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE, SWIRLING AROUND INSIDE OF ME!
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OLD FELLA!

-UGH-
......
SHOULD I...?
SHOULD I...?
-UUUUGH!!-

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!
THAT IDIOT!
THAT LITTLE FELLOW!
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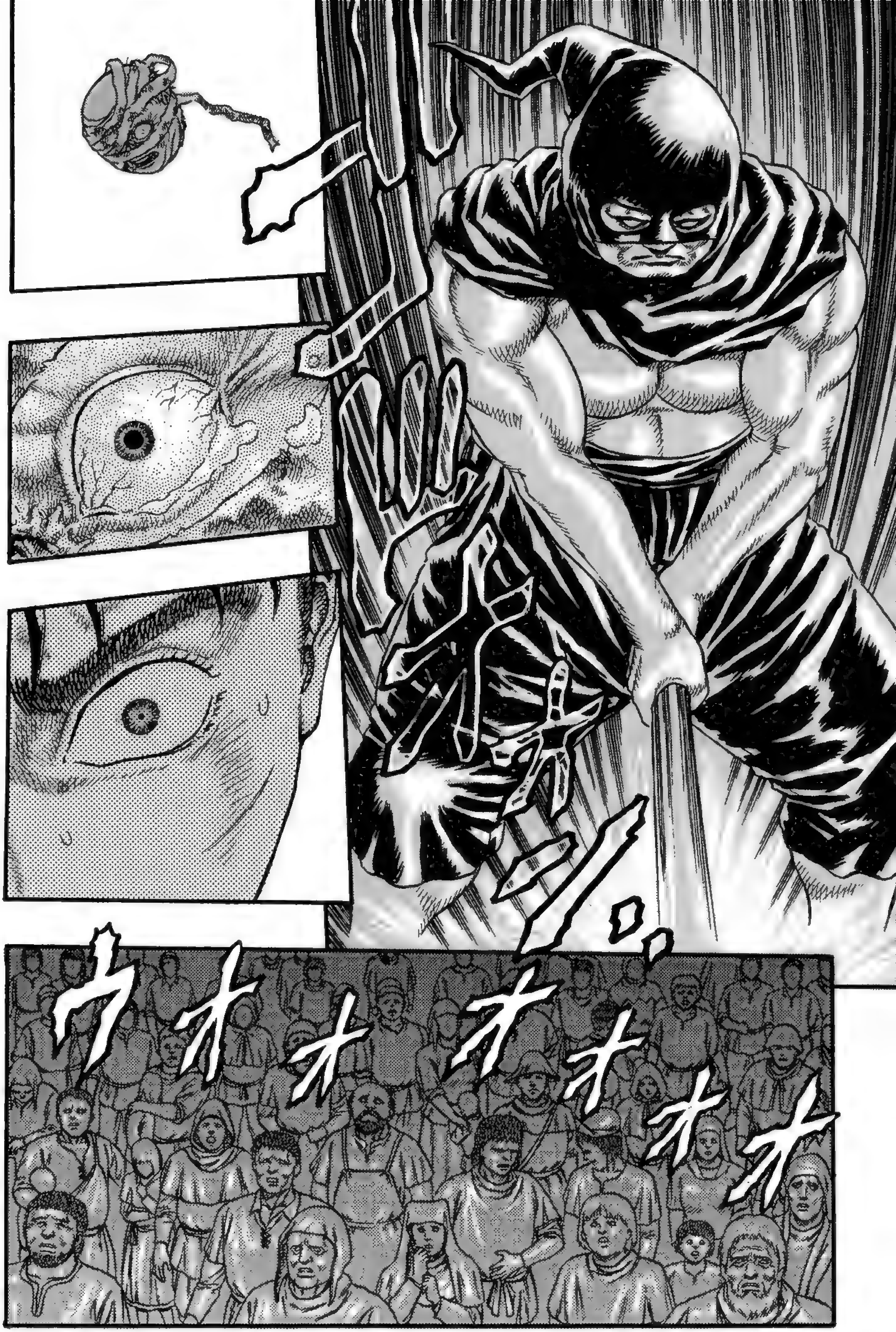
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? GET ON WITH IT!
YES SIR!!
?
?
......
STUPID ...
IT'S A SHAME...
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
...THAT I WON'T BE AROUND TO ENJOY THE SIGHT OF YOU CHOKING IN YOUR OWN BLOOD.
DEATH WILL BE PAYING YOU A VISIT SOON ENOUGH!
ALONG WITH THE HUNDREDS OF VICTIMS YOU'VE KILLED WHO'LL DRAG YOU DOWN TO HELL WITH THEM!

NON-SENSE...
FINISH HIM OFF.
BLACK SWORDSMAN!!
I BEG OF YOU!!
HOLD UP THIS DEVIL'S SEVERED HEAD BEFORE US, ONCE AND FOR ALL!
HOLD IT UP BEFORE US!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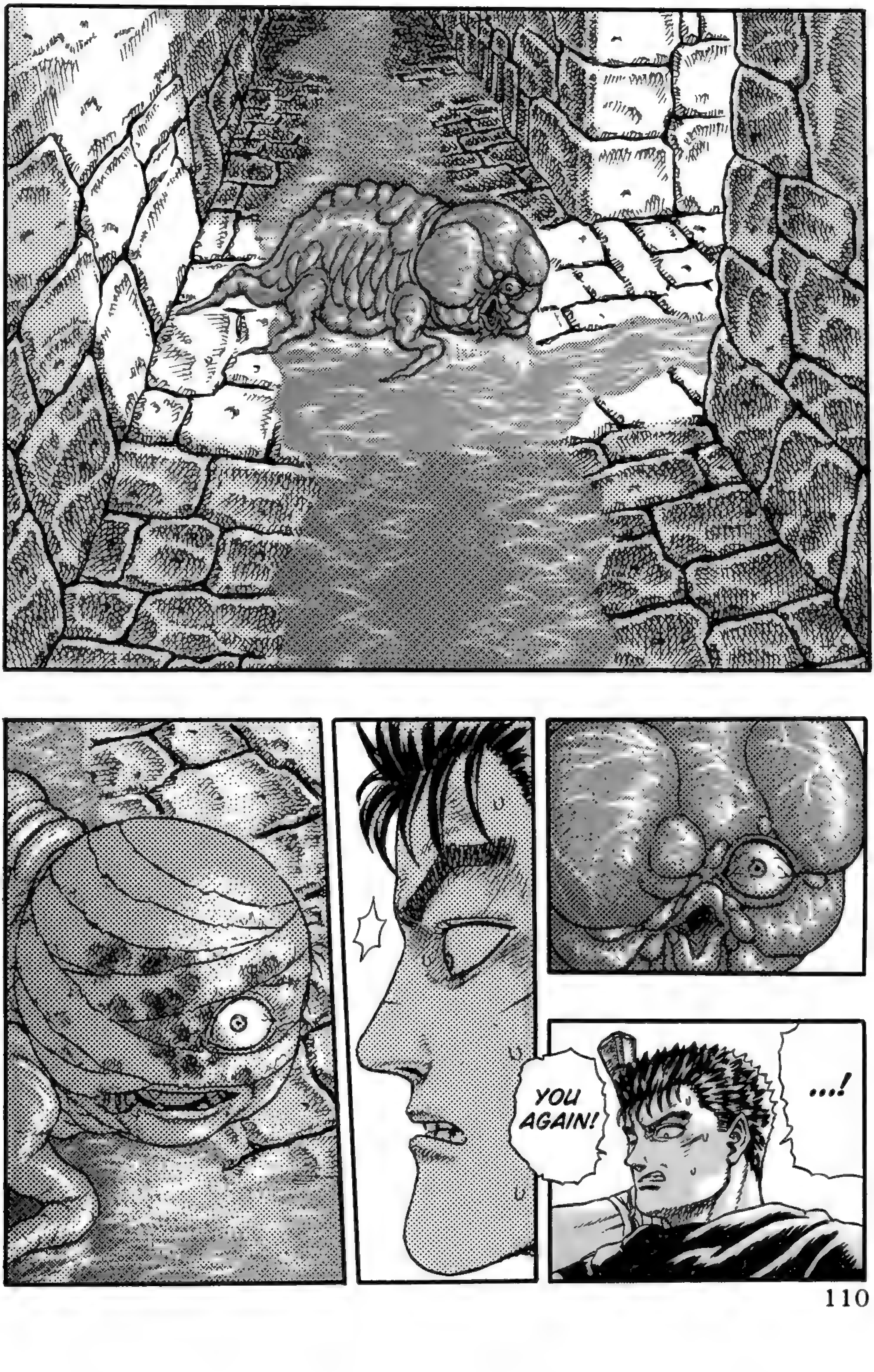
......!
UNHH!
ズキン
GUUUGH!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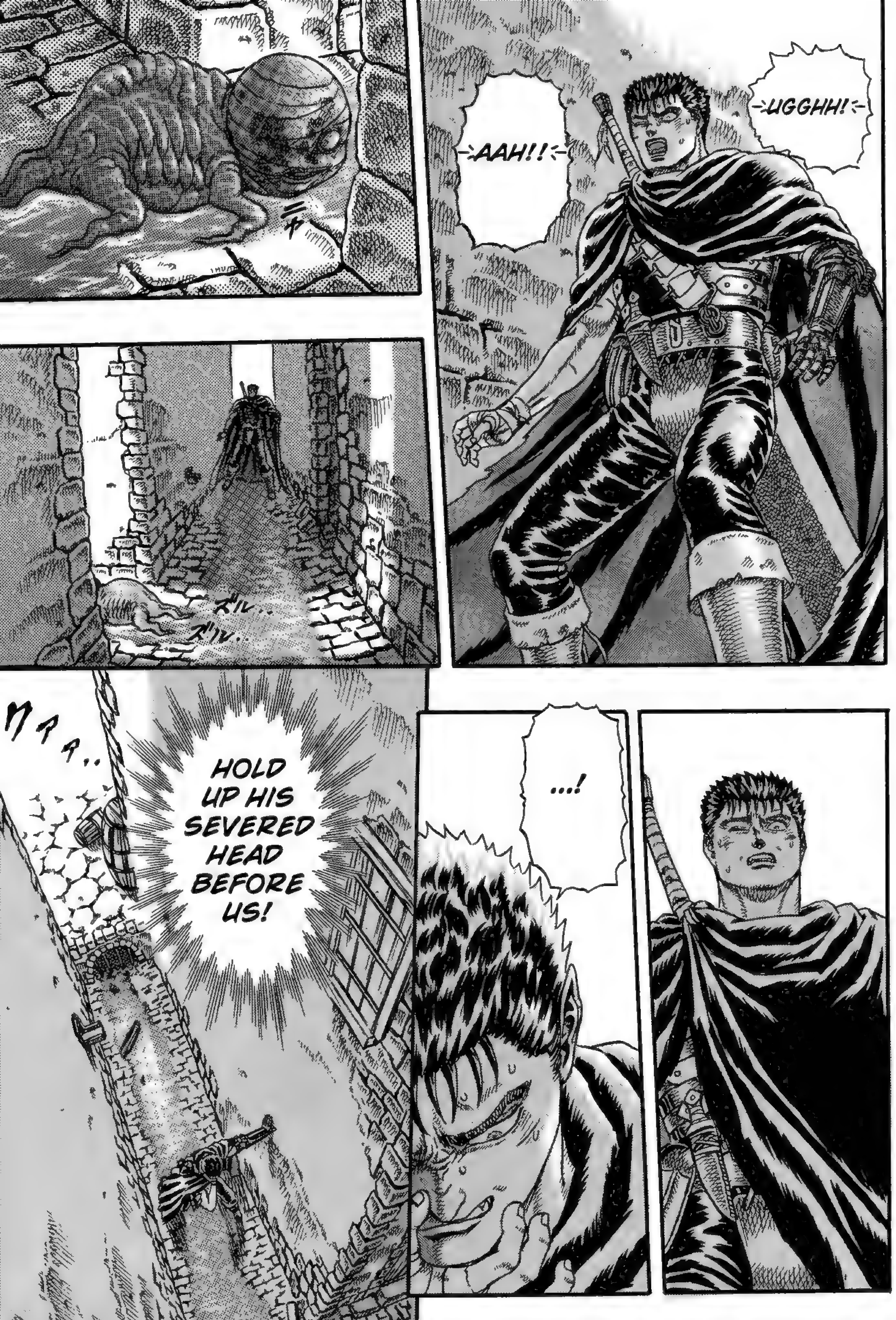
YOU AGAIN!


-UGGHH!-
-AAH!!-
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ズル.. ズル..
...!
ワァァ..
HOLD UP HIS SEVERED HEAD BEFORE US!

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......
DIDN'T SHOW UP AFTER ALL, DID YOU, **BLACK SWORDSMAN?** WELL DONE.
OR MAYBE...
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......
パタン

DAMN! HOW COME WE GOTTA DO THIS CRAP?!
THINKIN' HE COULD TAKE ON THE COUNT.
WHAT A FOOL!
FORGET ABOUT IT.
NOT THAT I CARE, BUT THE CORPSES ARE PRACTICALLY POURIN' OUTTA THIS PIT.

-GULP-
....
-UGHH- ... -YUCKK!-
LET'S FINISH OUR WORK AND GET *OUTTA* HERE!

....
THE LOOK IN YOUR EYES...
...FILLED WITH VENGEANCE.
....
I WON'T FAIL...
...LIKE YOU.

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オオ…
ムアア…アァ
IT HURTS... IT HURTSSSS!
GIVE IT BACK TO MEEEE!
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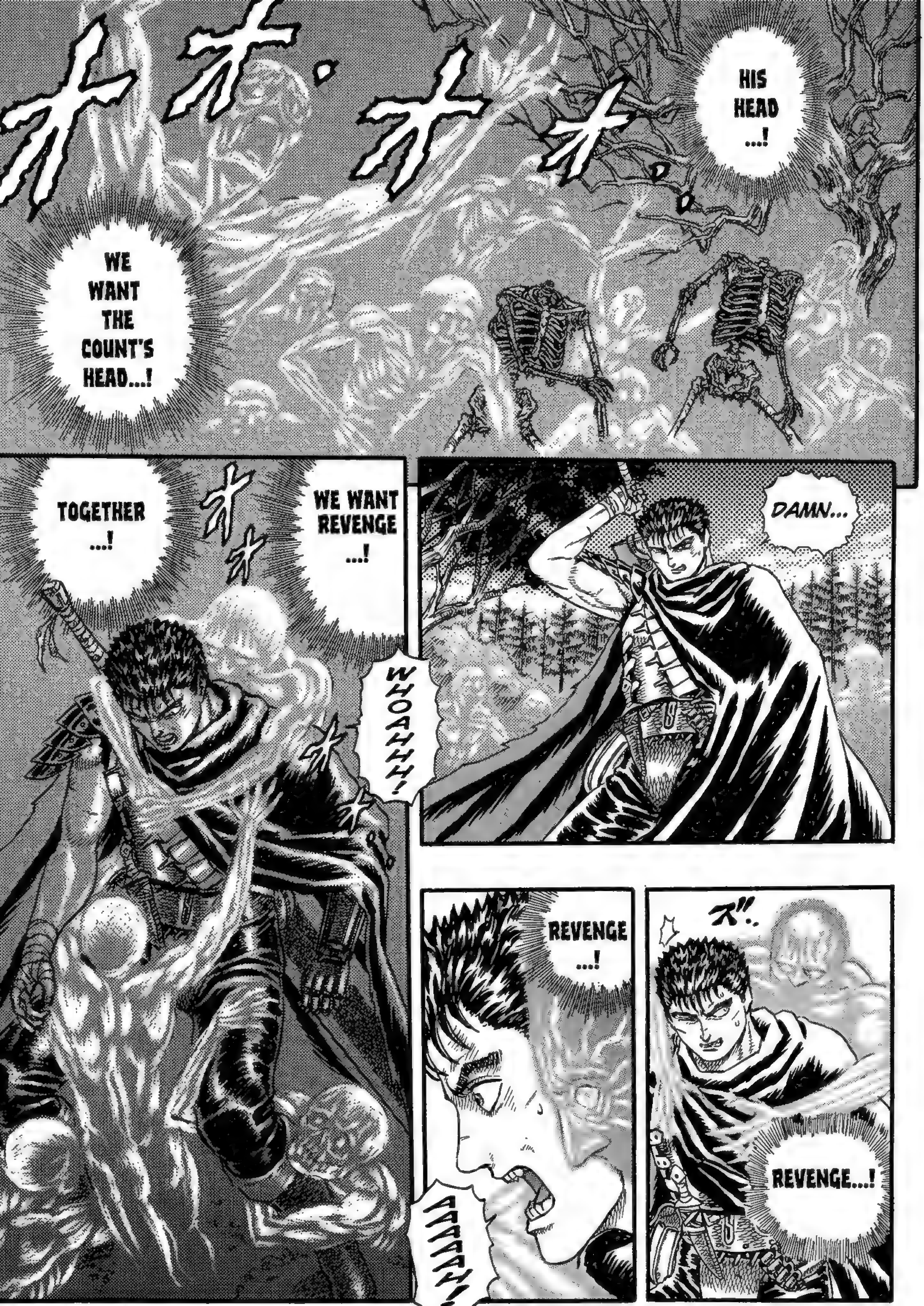
MY LEGGGGG!
I'M IN PAIN... PAINNNNNN!
I WANT MY HEAD BACK!
I CAN'T SEEEEEEE! MY EYESSSS!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HIS HEAD ...!
WE WANT THE COUNT'S HEAD...!
DAMN...
WE WANT REVENGE ...!
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TOGETHER ...!
WHOAHHH!
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ズ..
REVENGE...!
REVENGE ...!
AAAAAAH!

ズズ…
NO!
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TOGETHER ...!
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REVENGE ...!
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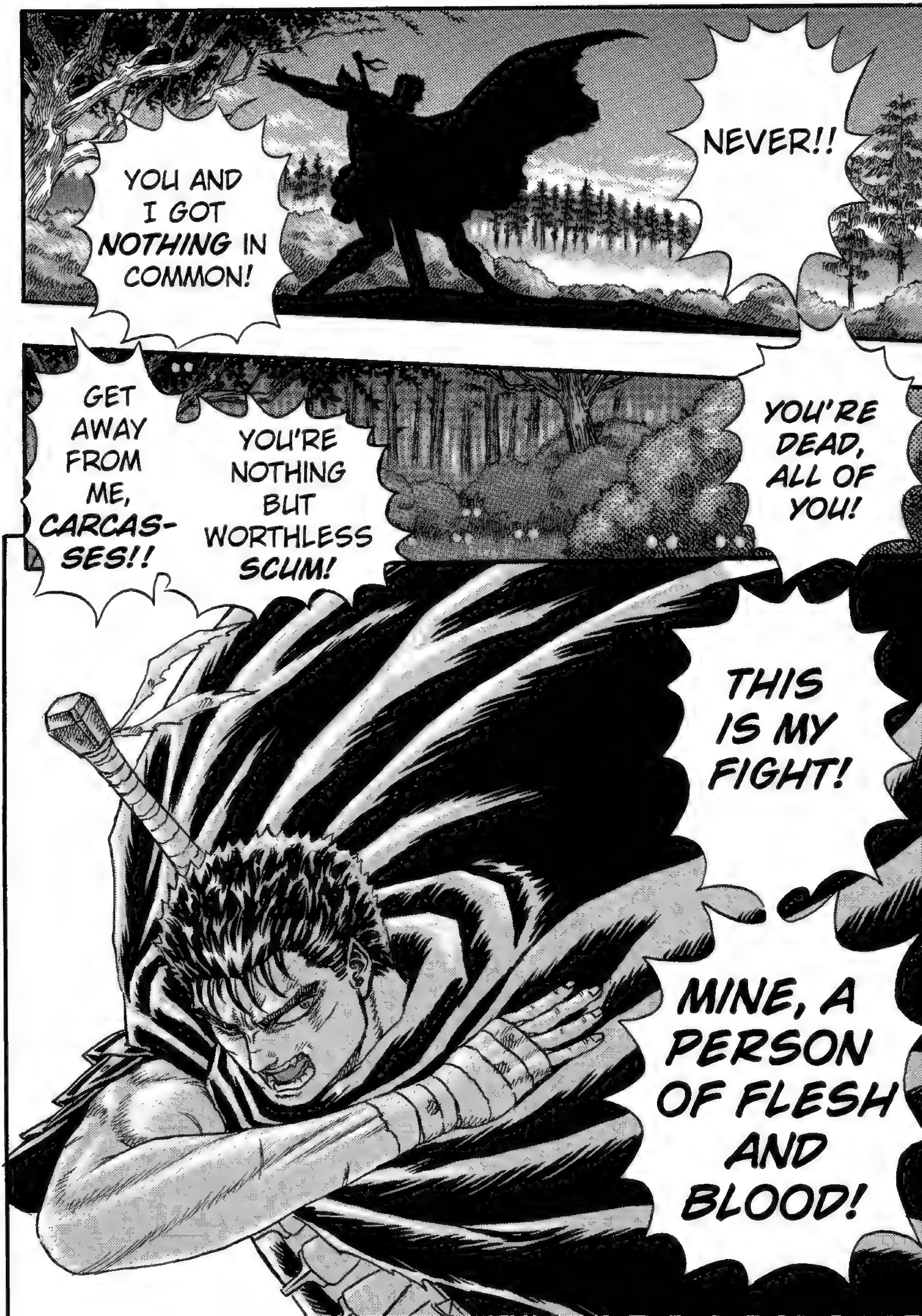
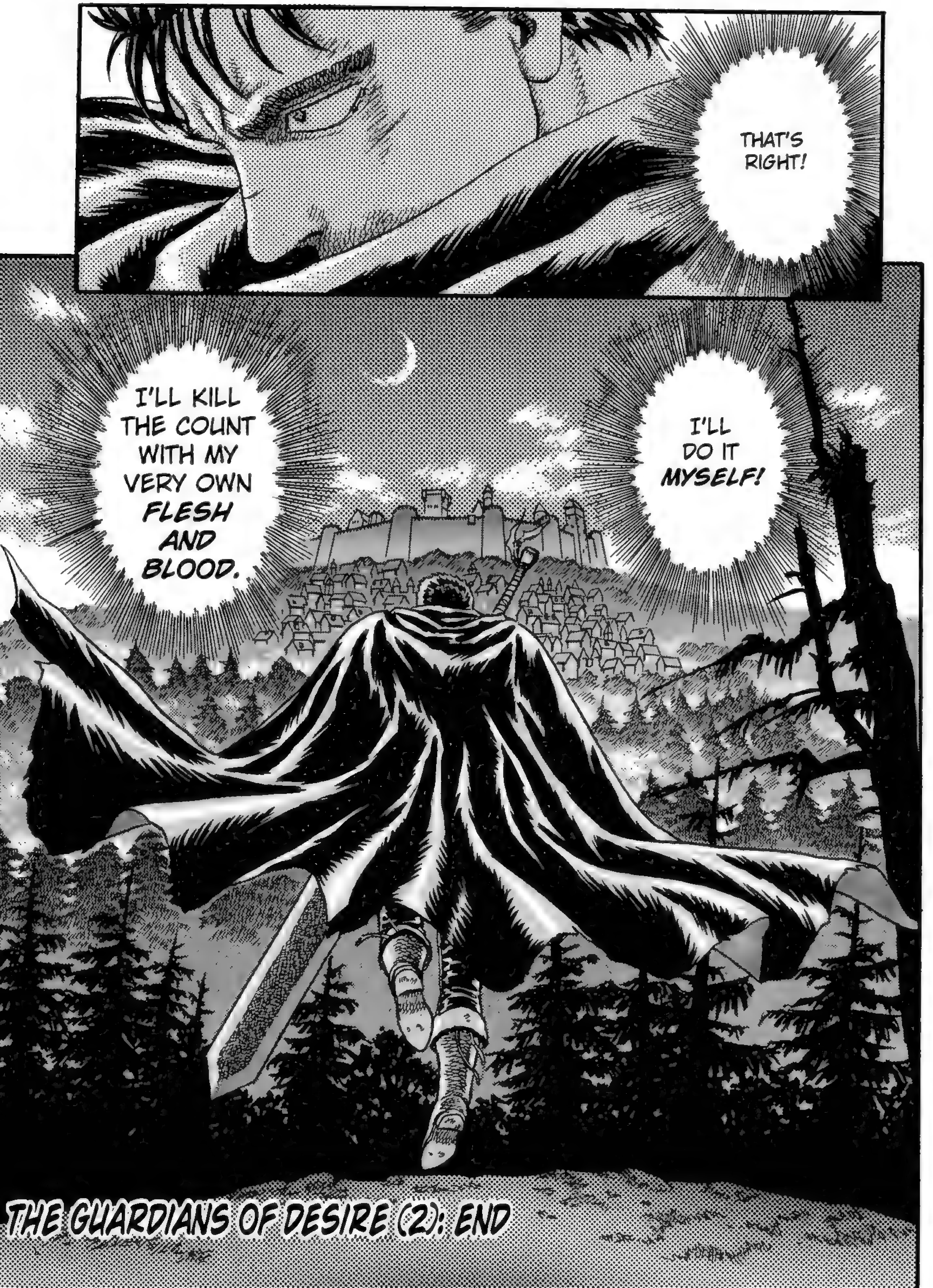
NOOOO!!

...!
-HAHH-
-HAHH-
NEVER ...


YOU AND I GOT *NOTHING* IN COMMON!
NEVER!!
GET AWAY FROM ME, *CARCASSES!!*
YOU'RE NOTHING BUT WORTHLESS *SCUM!*
YOU'RE DEAD, ALL OF YOU!
THIS IS MY FIGHT!
MINE, A PERSON OF FLESH AND BLOOD!


THAT'S RIGHT!
I'LL DO IT *MYSELF!*
I'LL KILL THE COUNT WITH MY VERY OWN *FLESH AND BLOOD.*
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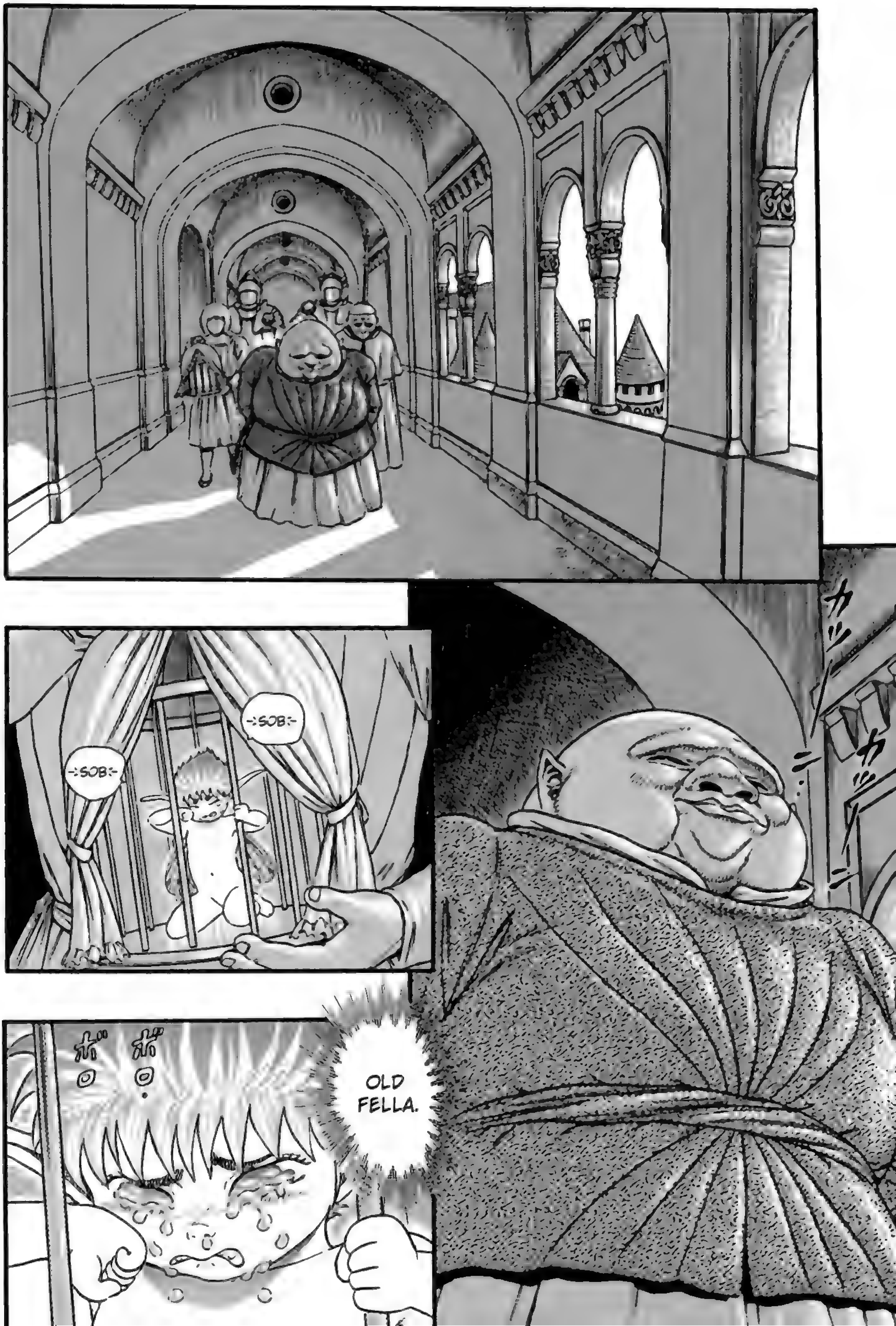
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-:SOB:-
-:SOB:-
OLD FELLA.
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ボロ

I COULDN'T DO A THING TO SAVE YOU.
NOT A...
...NOT A *SINGLE* THING.
......
WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN TO ME...
-SIGH- ...
...NOW?

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FATHER ...
STILL AWAKE, THERESIA?
...!
EH...?
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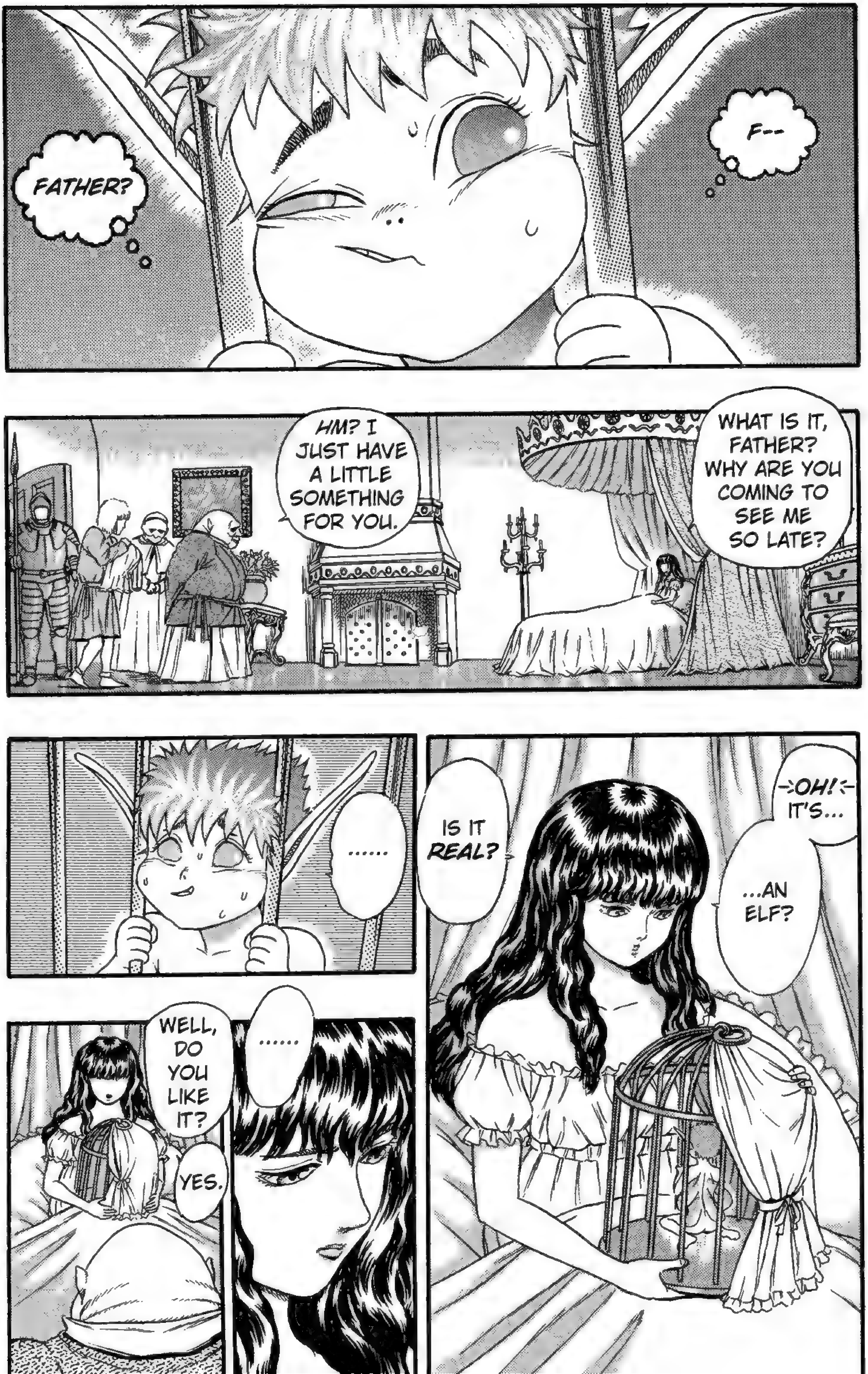
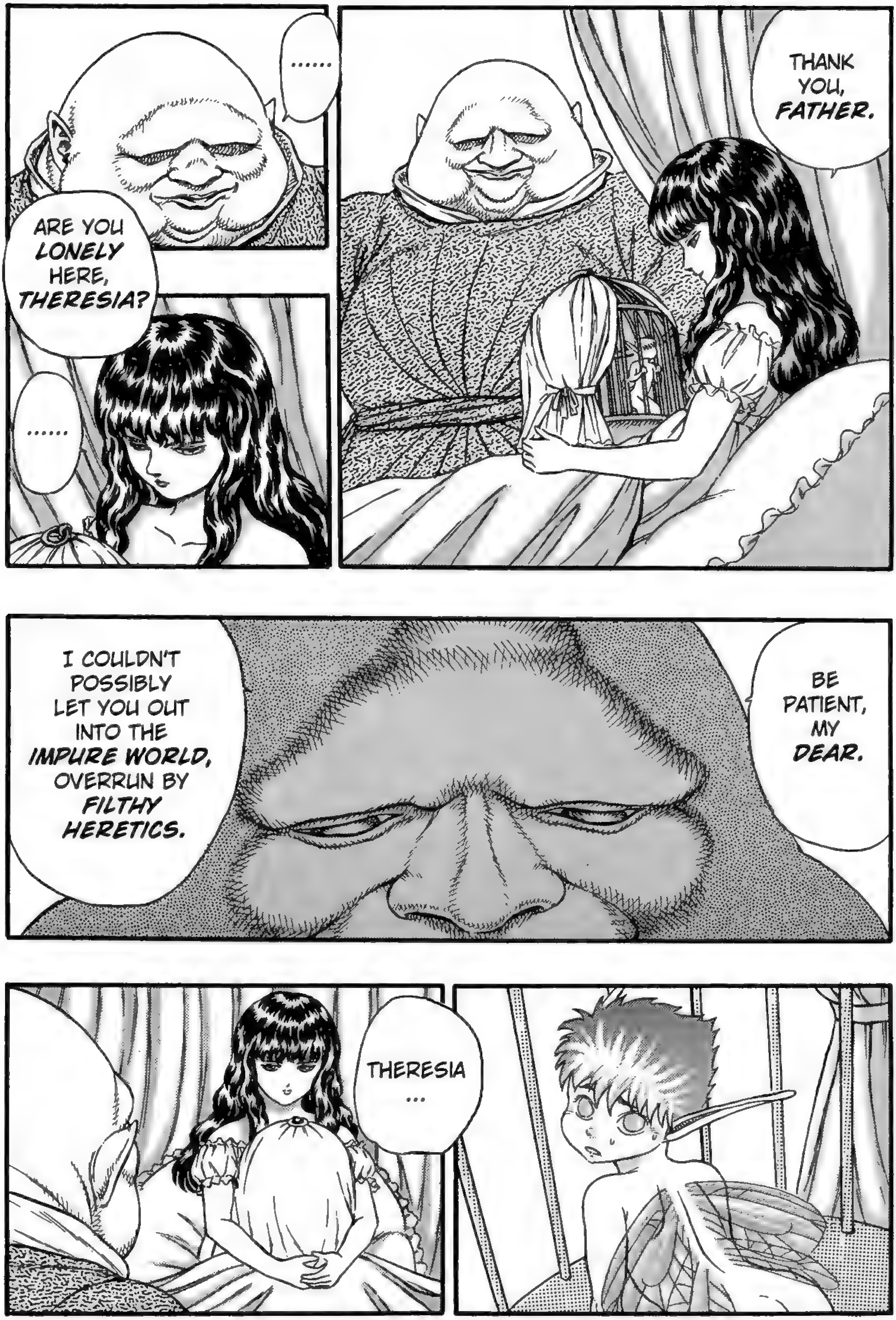

FATHER?
F--
WHAT IS IT, FATHER? WHY ARE YOU COMING TO SEE ME SO LATE?
HM? I JUST HAVE A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR YOU.
......
OH! IT'S...
...AN ELF?
IS IT *REAL?*
WELL, DO YOU LIKE IT?
YES.
......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ARE YOU *LONELY* HERE, *THERESIA?*
......
THANK YOU, *FATHER.*
I COULDN'T POSSIBLY LET YOU OUT INTO THE *IMPURE WORLD,* OVERRUN BY *FILTHY HERETICS.*
BE PATIENT, MY *DEAR.*
THERESIA ...

...YOU'RE THE ONLY...
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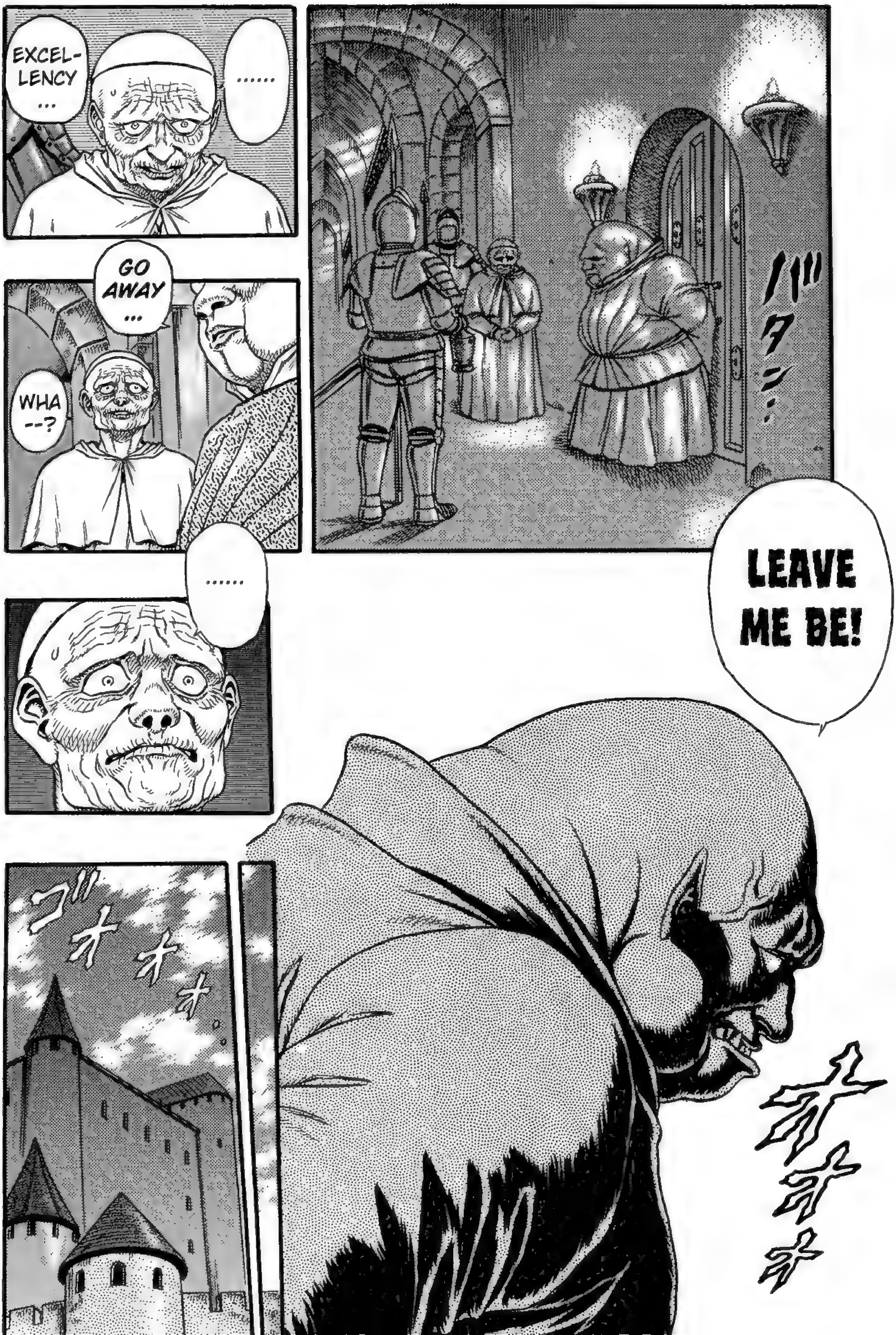
ビクッ
.....!!
YOU STILL...
...WON'T LET ME *TOUCH* YOU?
AAAH!
....

......
......
SO BE IT.
IT'S GETTING LATE. GOOD NIGHT.
FATHER ...
!
... NOTHING.
FORGET IT.


バタン…
EXCELLENCY ...
......
GO AWAY ...
WHA--?
......
LEAVE ME BE!
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オオオ

THERESIA
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......
ALAS!
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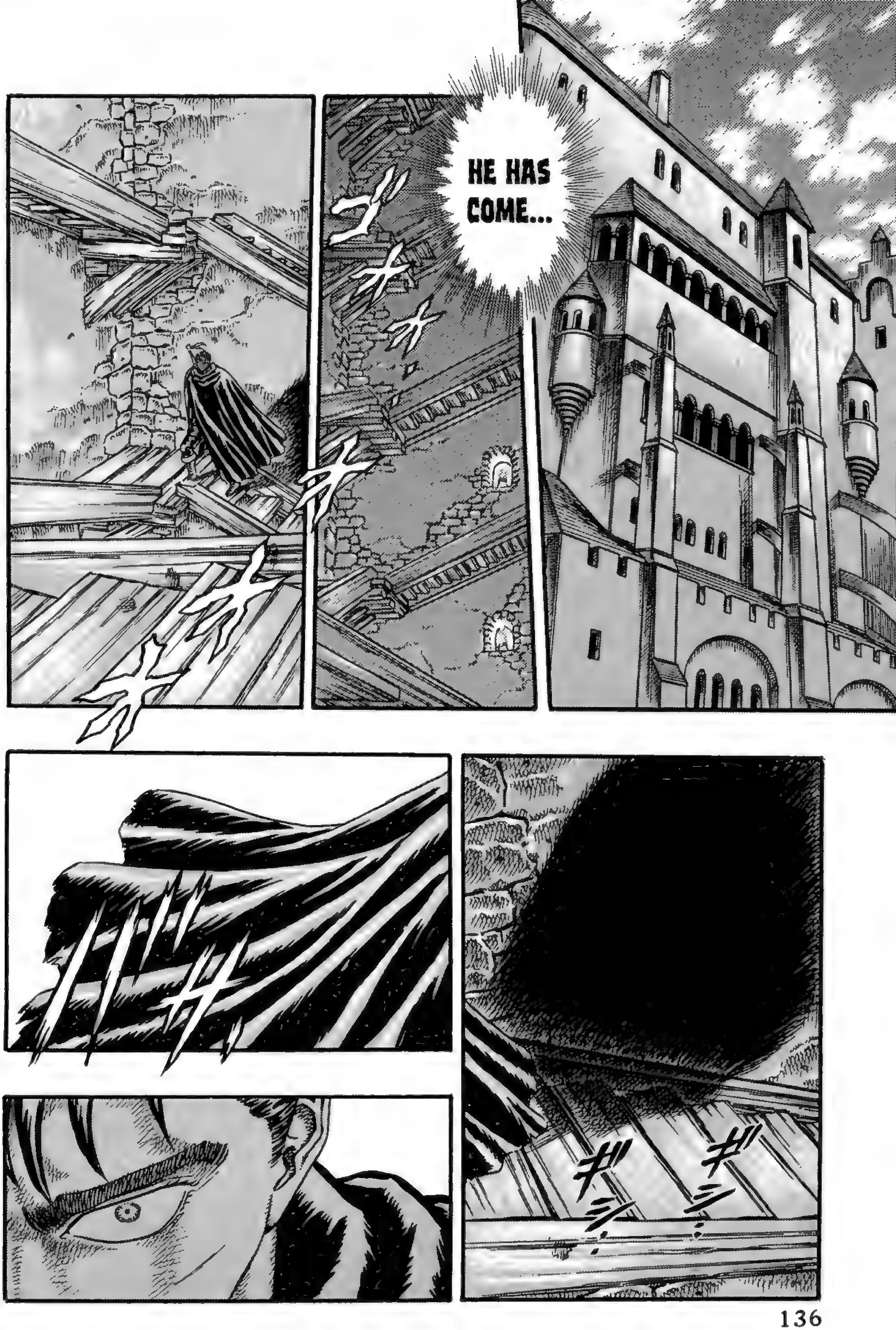
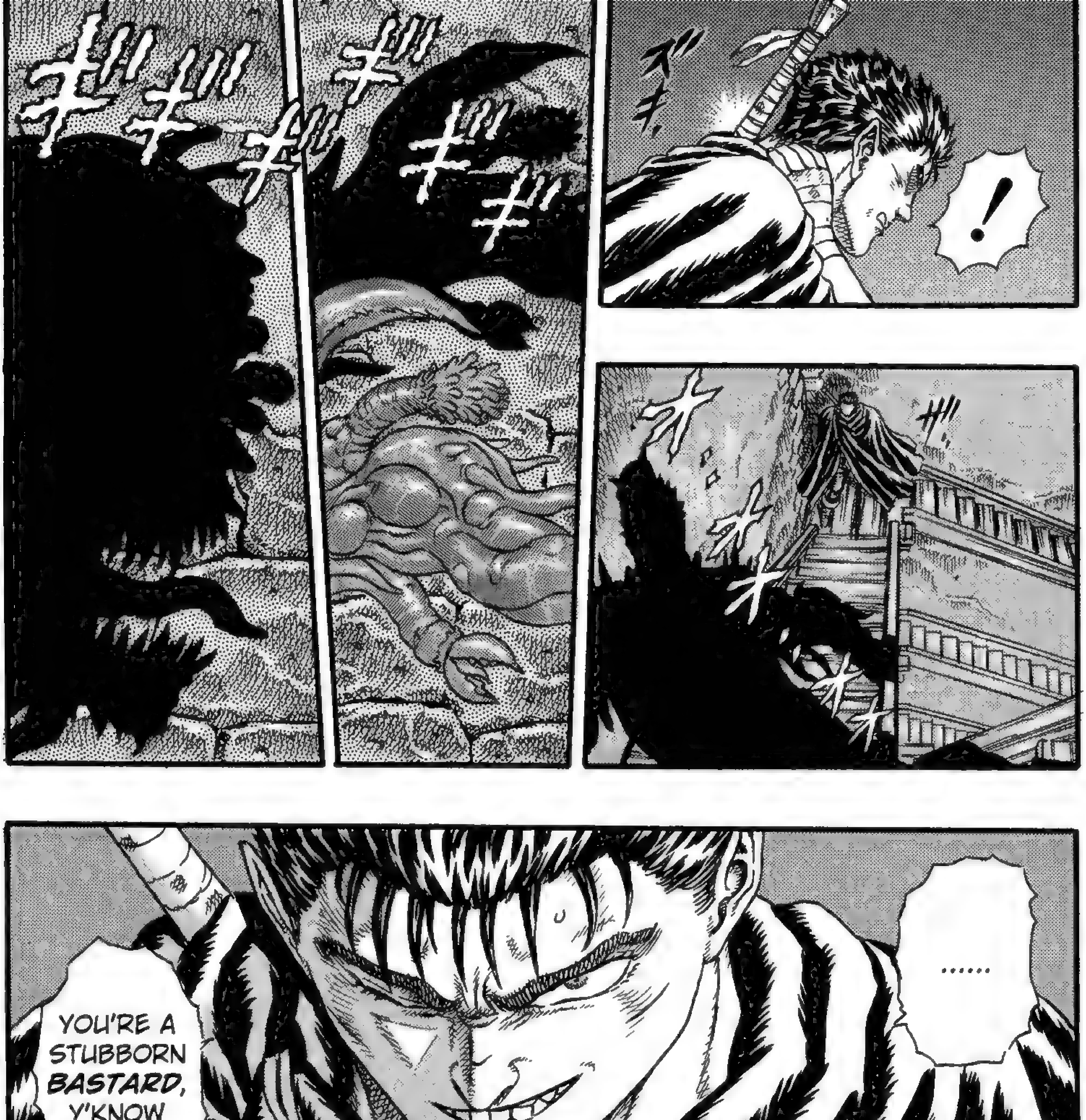
HEH
...
HEH
HEH...


HE HAS COME...
ギシ
ギシ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......
YOU'RE A STUBBORN *BASTARD*, Y'KNOW THAT?

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU...
...BLACK SWORDSMAN!!
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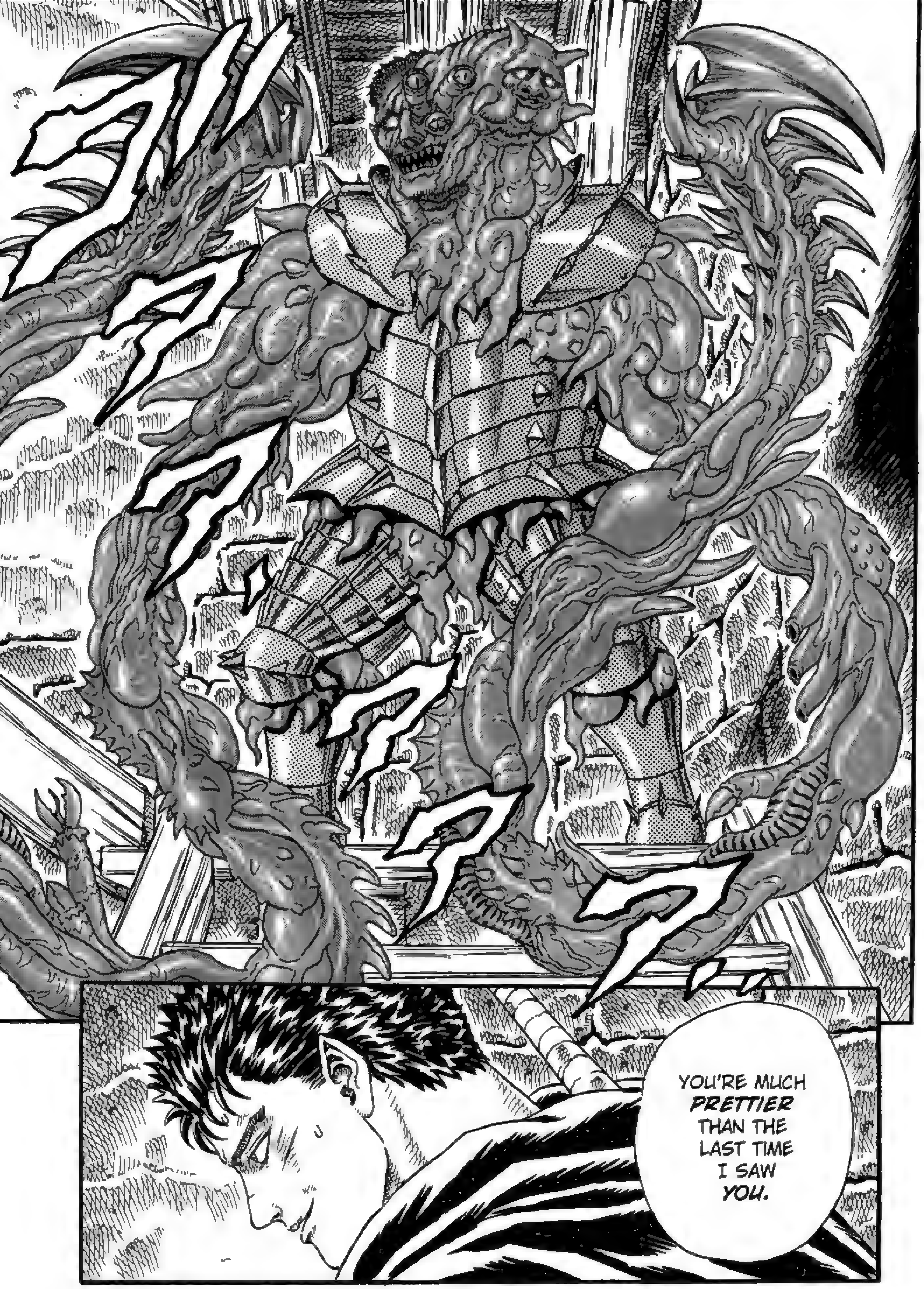
ビキ ビキ…
ビシュルルル…


YOU'RE MUCH *PRETTIER* THAN THE LAST TIME I SAW *YOU.*

NO MORE GAMES. THIS TIME THERE'S NOWHERE TO RUN!
GUUUGGHH...
ビキ ビキ
GUUU...

ガチャ
ガチャ

GAAAAGGHH!!
ドホホッ
WHA--
WHAT ...?!
ジャコッ

...!
GGGHHH ...
AGAAGH-GAHH...
WWAAAAAAGHH!!

ARRGHH!

KYAAAAAAAA

GRRRAA
オォォ…
オォォォ…
ドシュ…
ザッ
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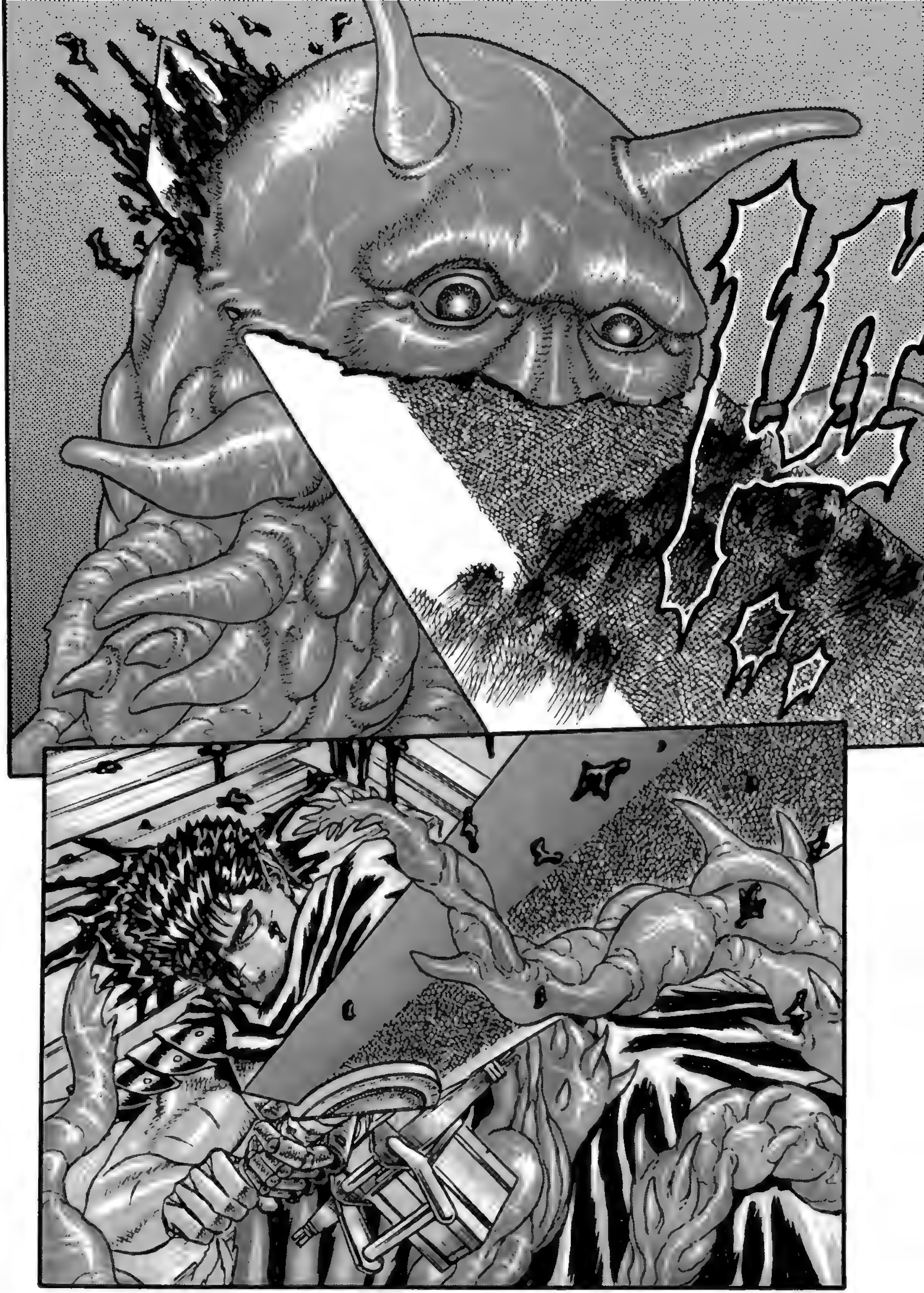
ブシュウウッ

HEH... HEH HEH...
IT'S FUTILE, NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU CHOP ME UP!
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU HACK UP THIS POSSESSED BODY...
...UNLESS YOU CUT OFF MY HEAD...
...I'LL JUST KEEP ON REGENERATING MYSELF!!
OVER AND OVER AGAIN!!



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THANKS FOR THE *TIP*...
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...!!
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ブチ!

NOW I'LL FEED...
.....!!
...OFF YOUR BODY!

WHA ..?!
!
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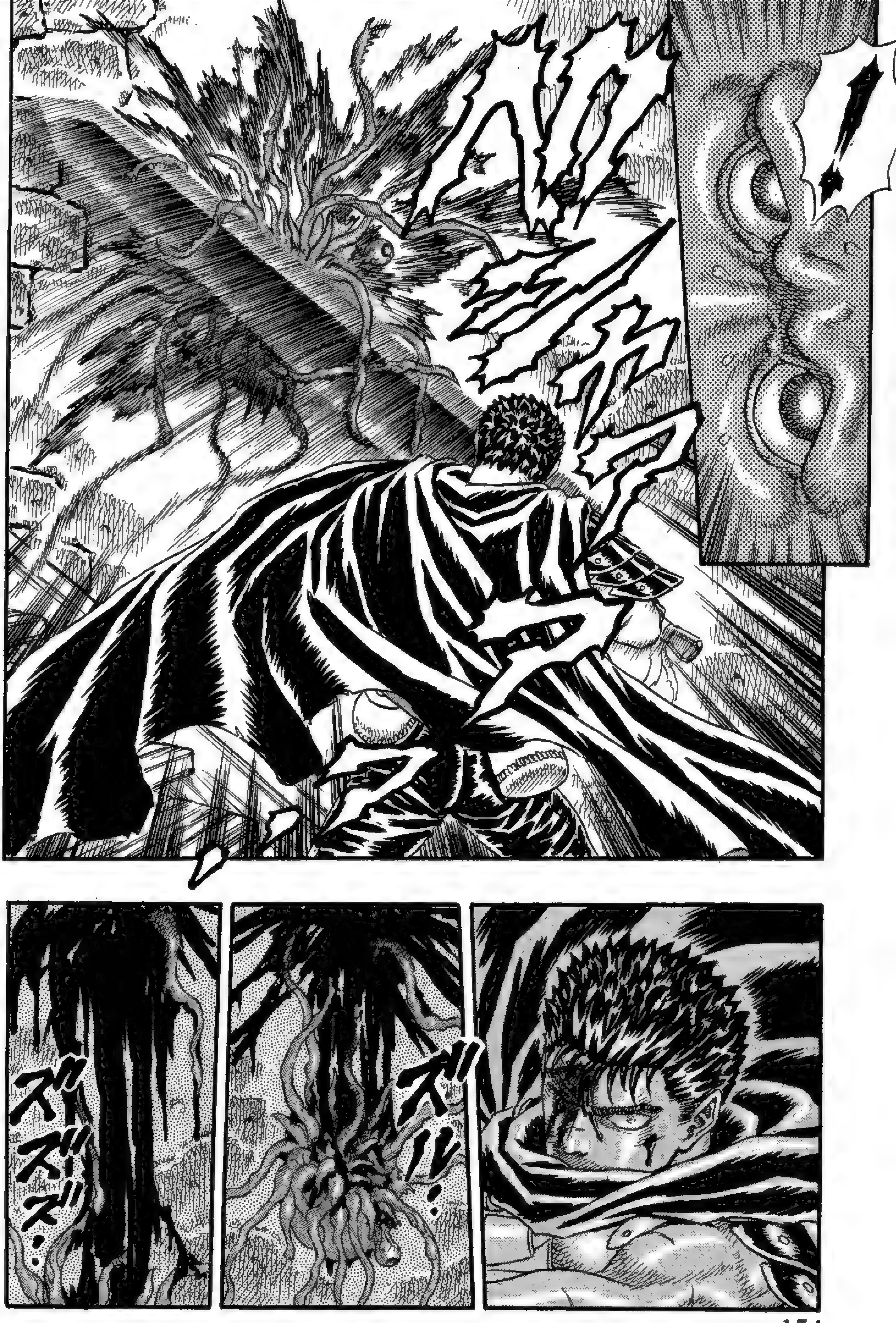
ザッ!!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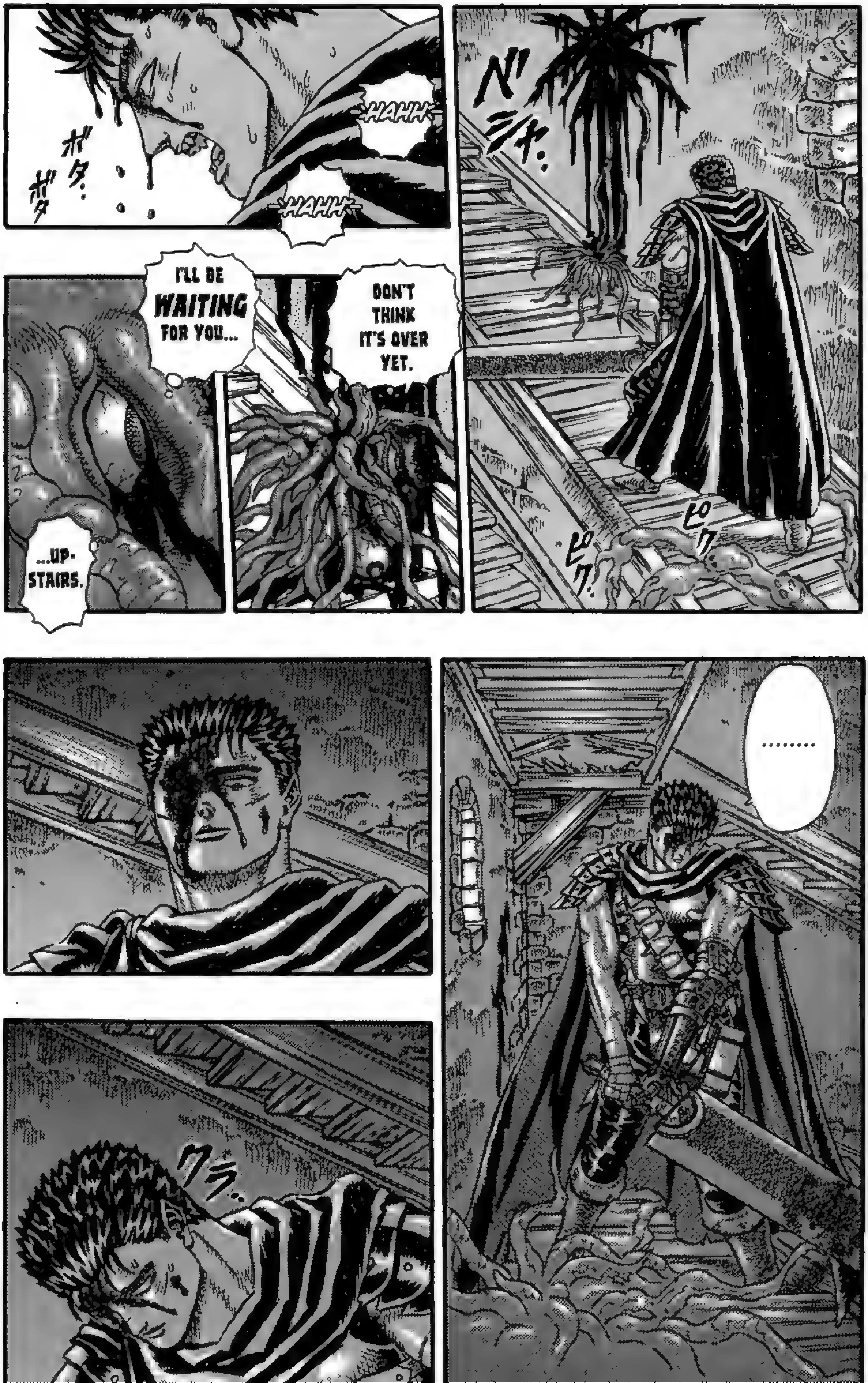
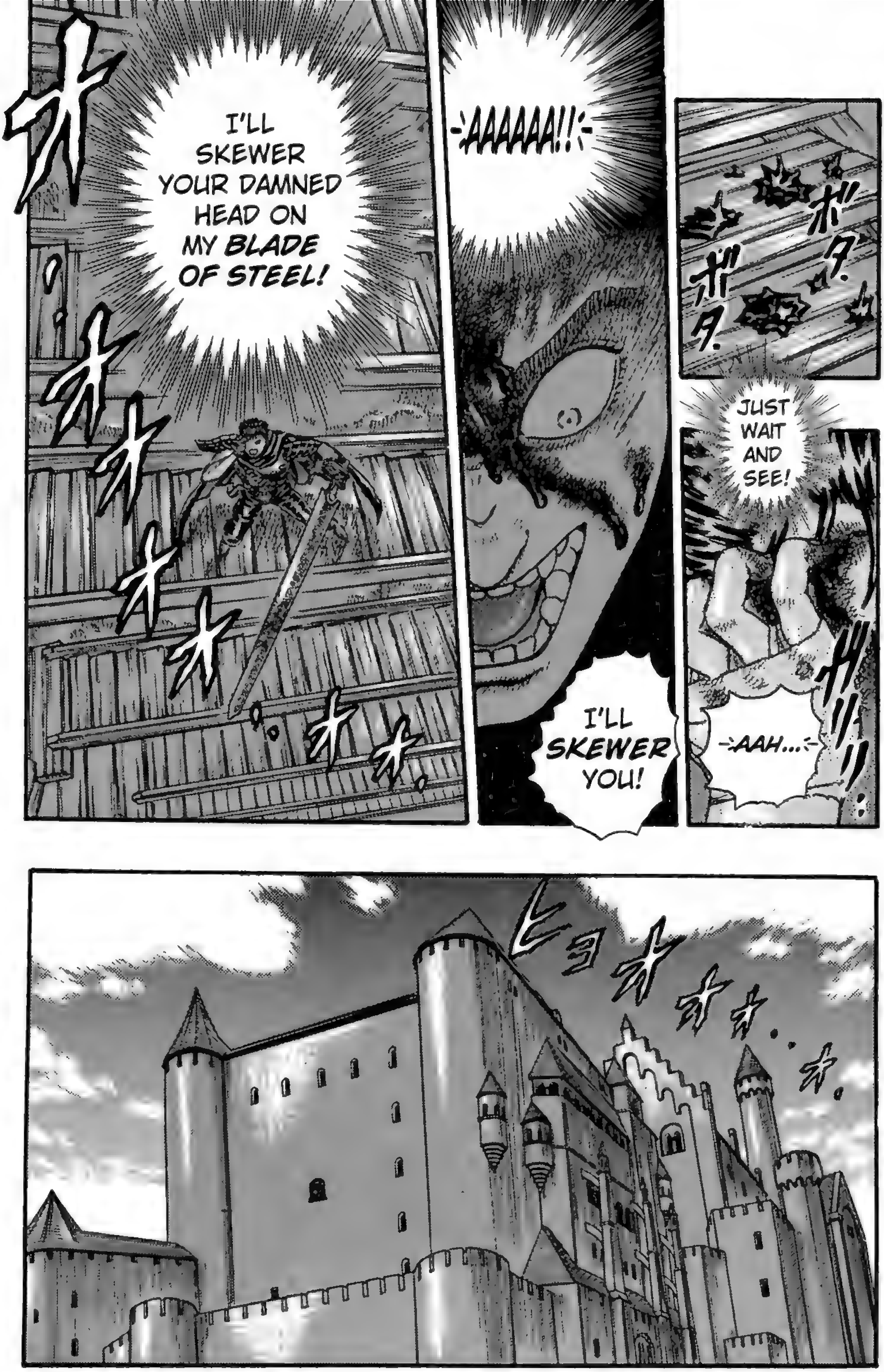
ズズズズ‥
ズル!!‥


ベシャ…
ピクピク…
ボタ…ボタ
HAHH
HAHH
DON'T THINK IT'S OVER YET.
I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU...
...UP-STAIRS.
....
クラ…

ザッ
DAMN... LOST TOO MUCH BLOOD.
ガッ
GAGH!
I CAN'T GIVE UP...
ガッ
GAGH!


I'LL SKEWER YOUR DAMNED HEAD ON MY *BLADE OF STEEL!*
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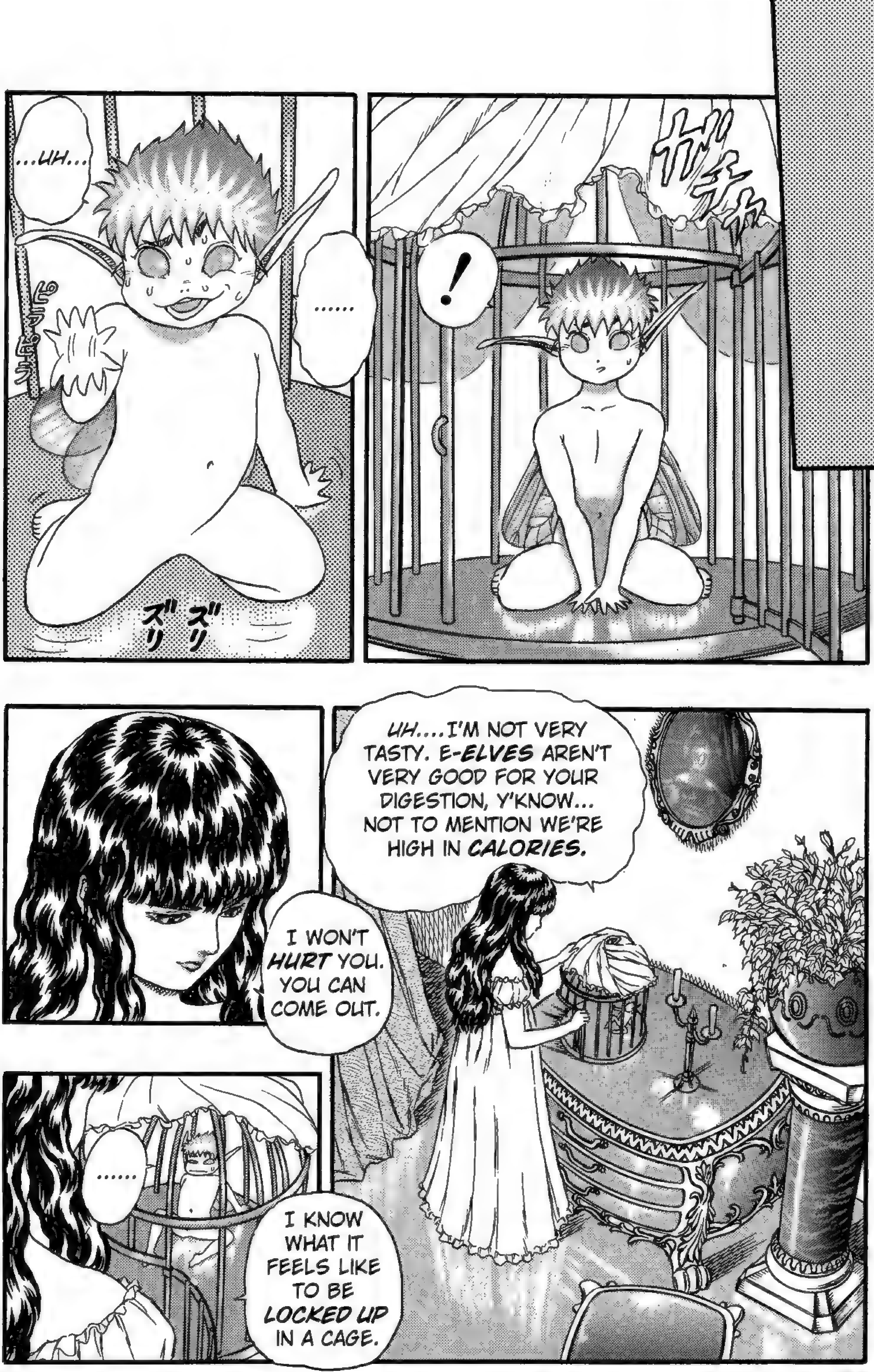
AAAAAA!!
I'LL *SKEWER* YOU!
ボタ. ボタ.
JUST WAIT AND SEE!
AAH...
ヒョオオオ...オ.


ガチャ
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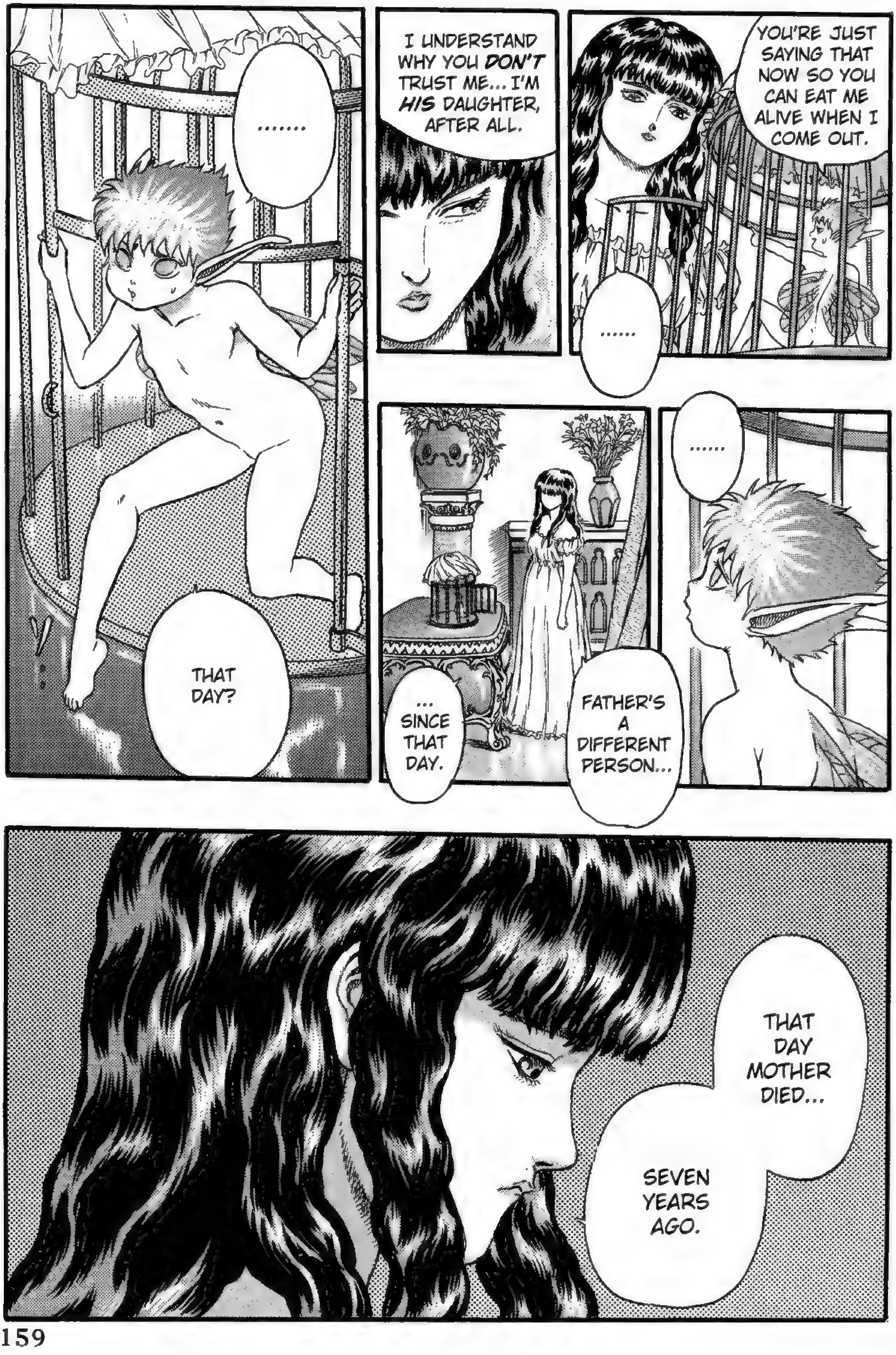
...UH...
......
ピラピラ
ズリ ズリ
UH....I'M NOT VERY TASTY. E-ELVES AREN'T VERY GOOD FOR YOUR DIGESTION, Y'KNOW... NOT TO MENTION WE'RE HIGH IN CALORIES.
I WON'T HURT YOU. YOU CAN COME OUT.
......
I KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BE LOCKED UP IN A CAGE.


YOU'RE JUST SAYING THAT NOW SO YOU CAN EAT ME ALIVE WHEN I COME OUT.
......
I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU ***DON'T*** TRUST ME... I'M ***HIS*** DAUGHTER, AFTER ALL.
......
FATHER'S A DIFFERENT PERSON...
... SINCE THAT DAY.
....
THAT DAY?
THAT DAY MOTHER DIED...
SEVEN YEARS AGO.

ヒョオオオォォ…
I WAS JUST A BABY THEN, SO I DON'T REMEMBER *ANYTHING.*
BUT THIS IS WHAT FATHER TOLD ME...
...IN THOSE DAYS THERE WAS A SECT OF HERETICS AT LARGE WHO OPPOSED MY FATHER.
ONE DAY THEY *KIDNAPPED* MOTHER AND *THREATENED* TO KILL HER IF FATHER DIDN'T LET THEM PRACTICE THEIR *PAGAN* WORSHIP FREELY.
FATHER, OF COURSE, COULDN'T ALLOW THAT WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE KING, SO HE *REFUSED* THEIR DEMANDS...
...AND THEY CARRIED OUT THEIR *THREAT.*
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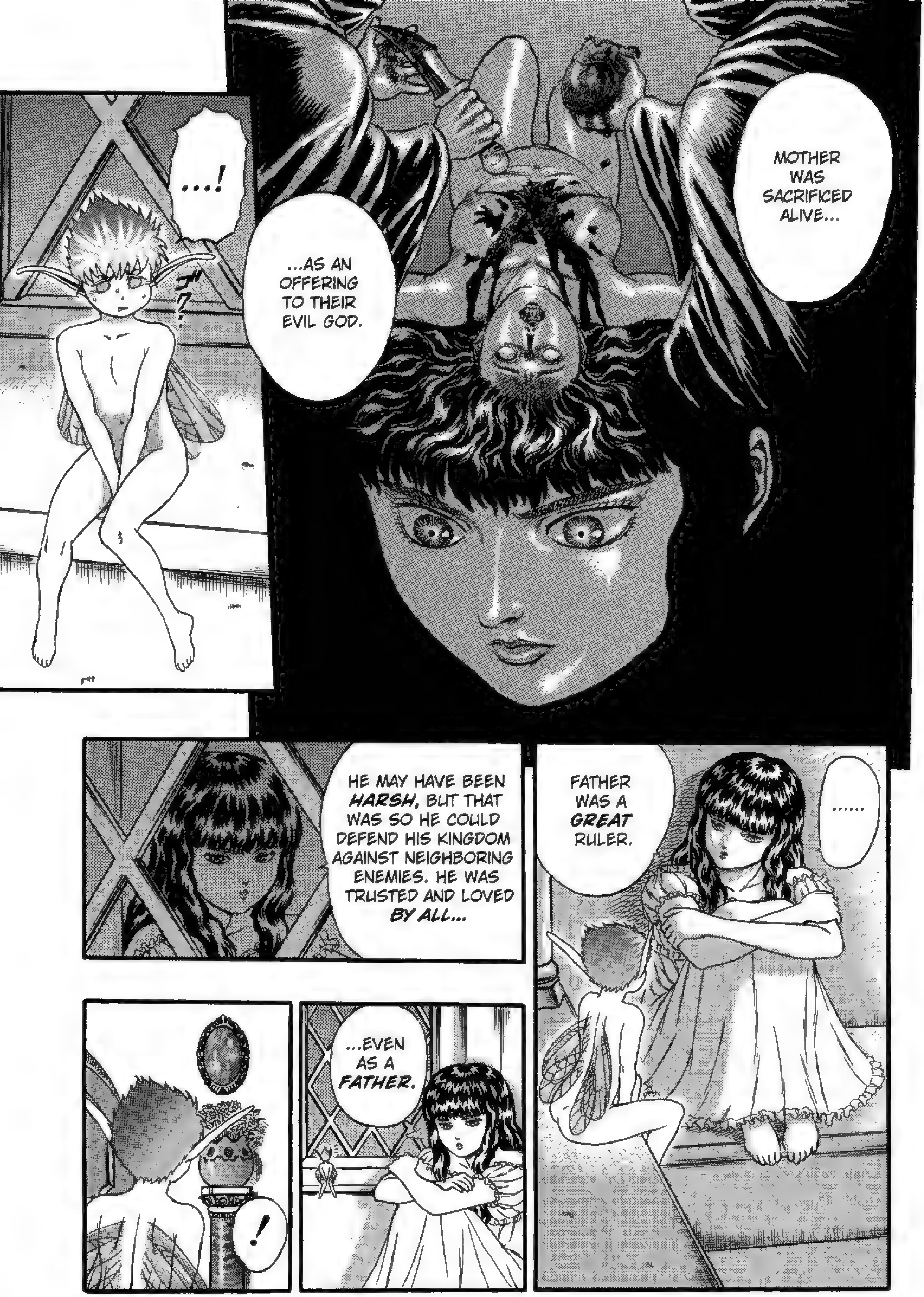
ギュ…
MOTHER...


MOTHER WAS SACRIFICED ALIVE...
...AS AN OFFERING TO THEIR EVIL GOD.
...!
......
FATHER WAS A GREAT RULER.
HE MAY HAVE BEEN HARSH, BUT THAT WAS SO HE COULD DEFEND HIS KINGDOM AGAINST NEIGHBORING ENEMIES. HE WAS TRUSTED AND LOVED BY ALL...
...EVEN AS A FATHER.
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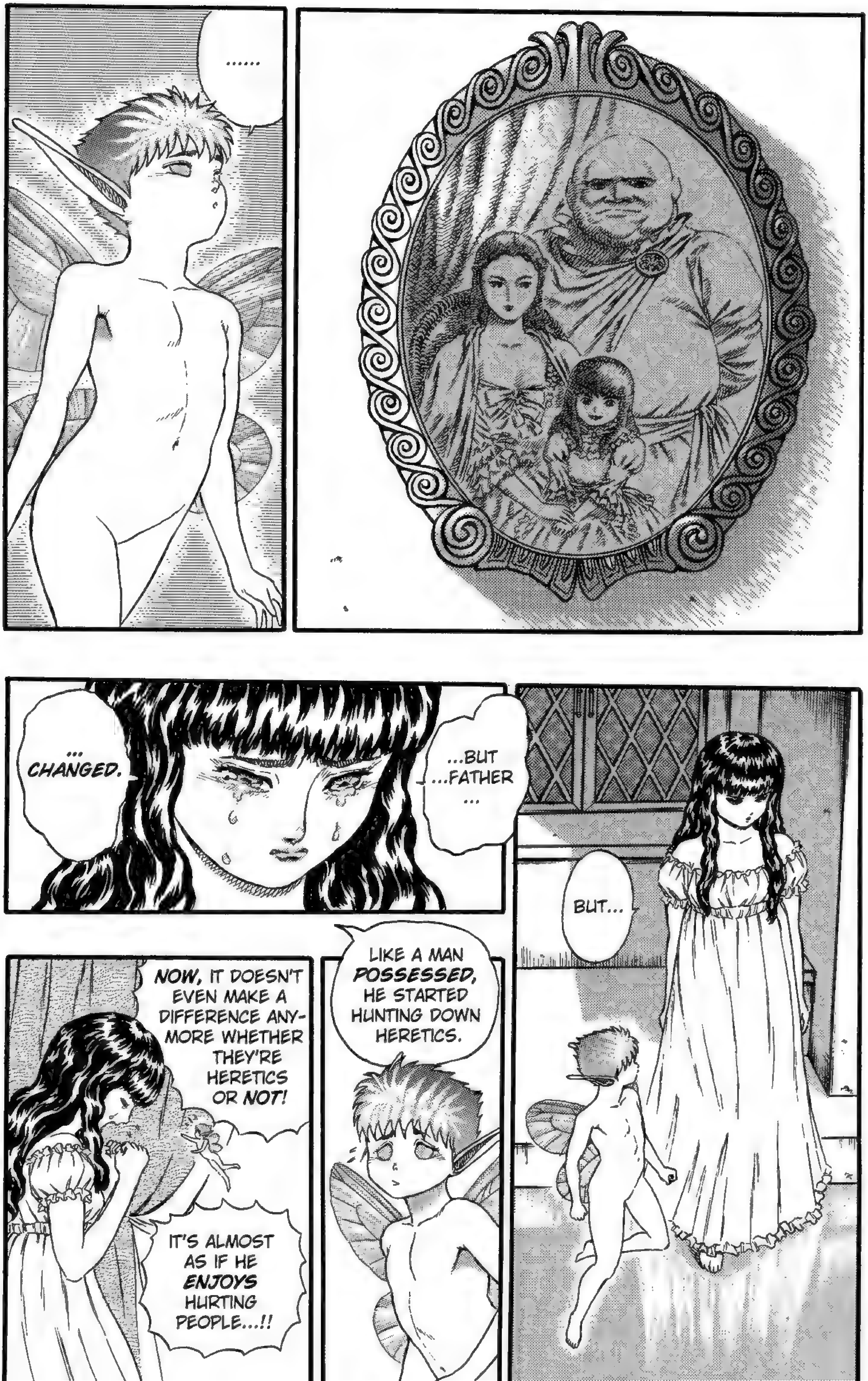
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BUT...
...BUT ...FATHER ...
... CHANGED.
LIKE A MAN POSSESSED, HE STARTED HUNTING DOWN HERETICS.
NOW, IT DOESN'T EVEN MAKE A DIFFERENCE ANYMORE WHETHER THEY'RE HERETICS OR NOT!
IT'S ALMOST AS IF HE ENJOYS HURTING PEOPLE...!!

THERESIA…
I'M *SCARED*…
……
SOME-TIMES I FEEL….
…ALMOST AS IF…
…HE'S *NOT HUMAN* ANYMORE.
ゾオオオオ
オオオオオ

-UGH-... STRANGELY HUMID TONIGHT.
HEH HEH... ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS WE SHOULD JUST TAKE OFF.
HEY, DON'T JOKE LIKE THAT. AT THIS CASTLE, THAT'S NOT EVEN FUNNY.
HUH?
WHAT'S WRONG?
H- HEY...
OVER THERE ...
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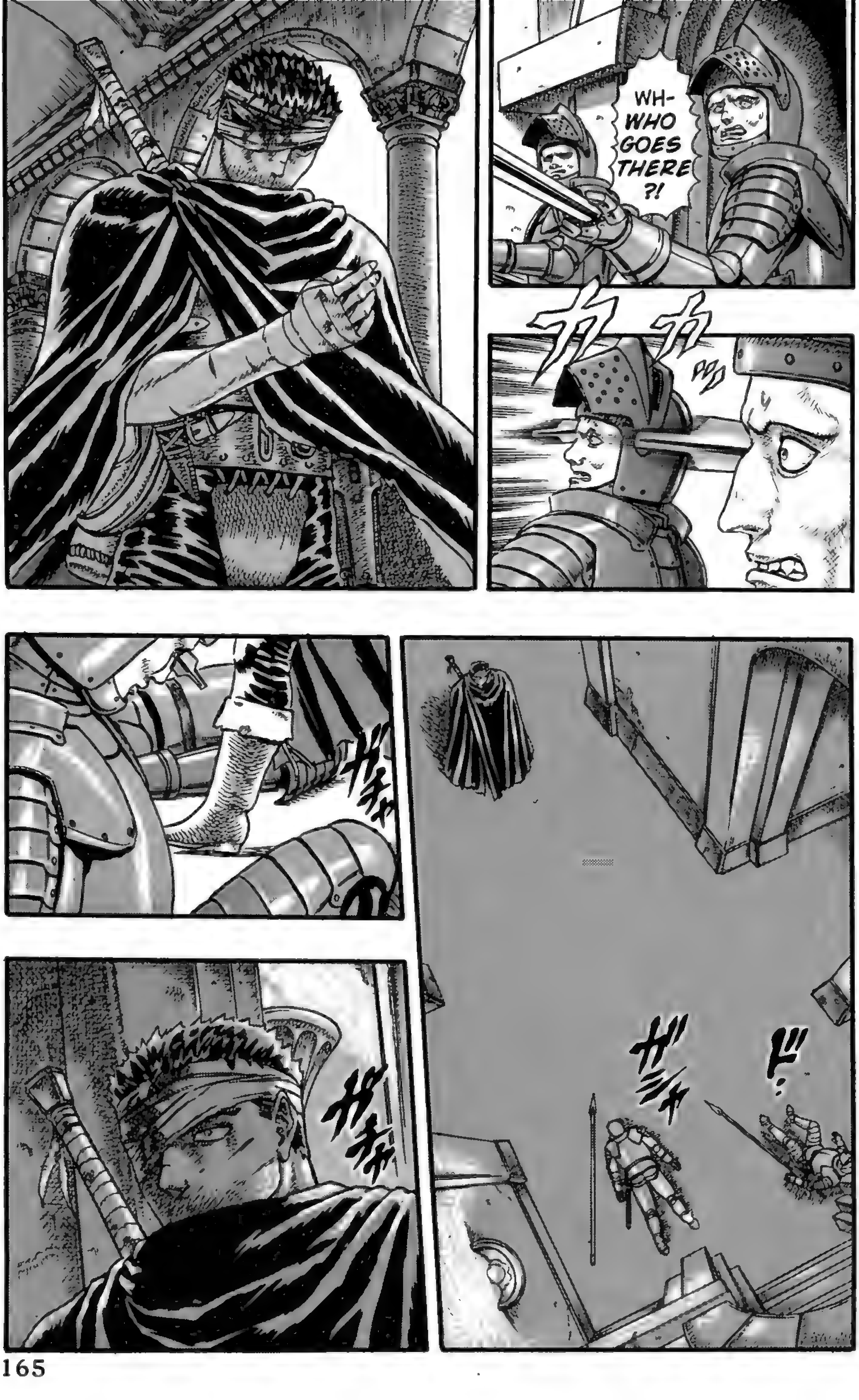
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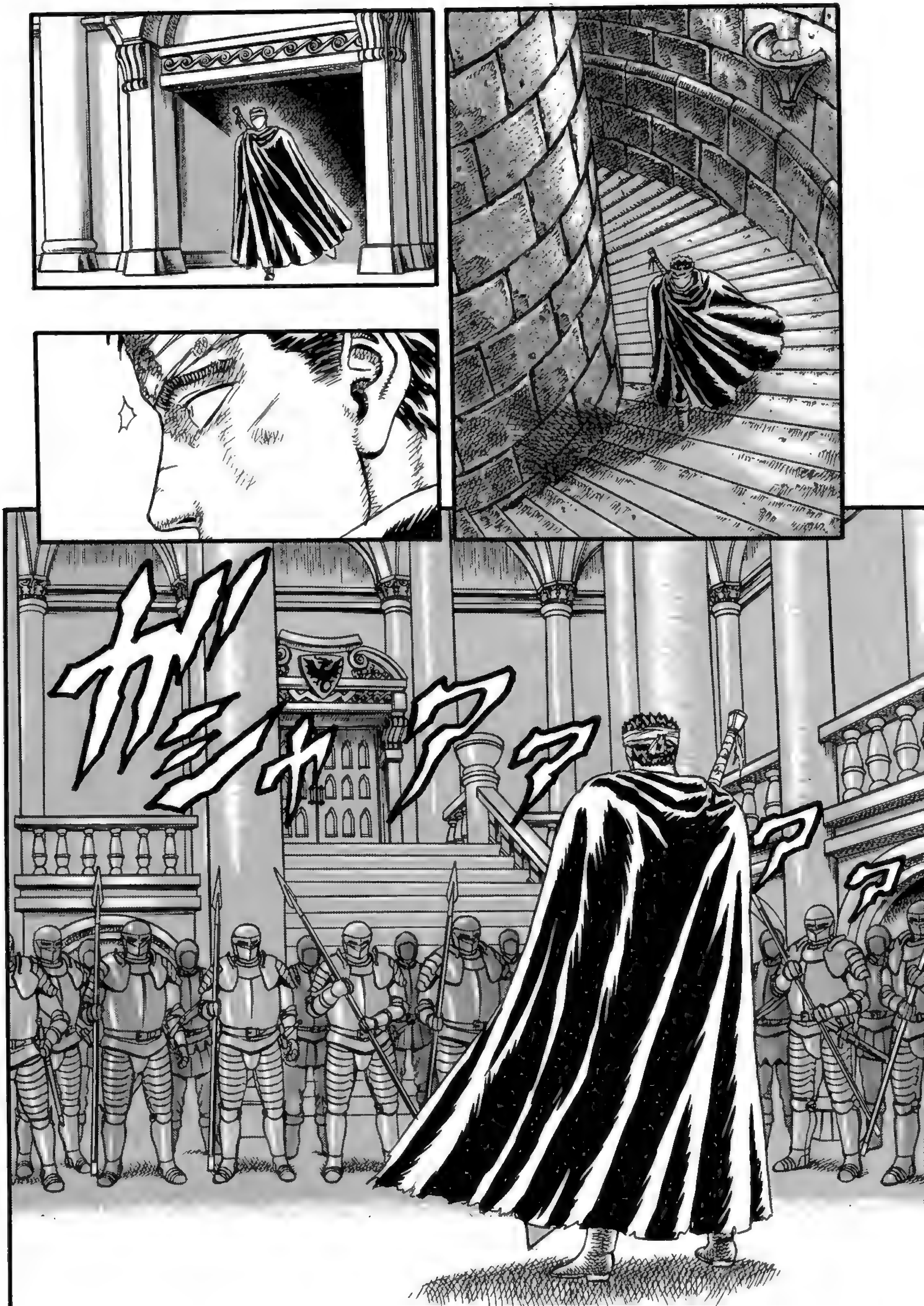
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WE KNEW YOU'D BE COMING, AS WE KNEW YOU WERE IN LEAGUE WITH VARGAS.
THIS IS AS FAR AS YOU GO. SURRENDER QUIETLY...
...OR I'LL HAVE YOU KILLED AT ONCE.
MOVE.
...!

YOU'RE IN MY WAY! MOVE!
F-FOOL! YOU THINK YOU CAN TAKE ON FIFTY TROOPS YOURSELF?!
ARCHERS!
FIRE AT WILL!
FIRE!!
ジャ‥

!
WITH HIS SWORD ...?!
ザッ
ザッ
ザッ
ザッ
ザッ
!

-EE...-
ドサ
...-EEEEK!!-
WH-WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR!! ATTACKKK!!

IGH!
UWAAUGGHH!

ワァァァ
COME ON! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
GERICO ...
GERICO!!
ガシャ

GET HIM!
YOU ALWAYS BRAGGED ABOUT BEING STRONGER THAN ZONDARK!
SHOW US YOUR STRENGTH NOW!

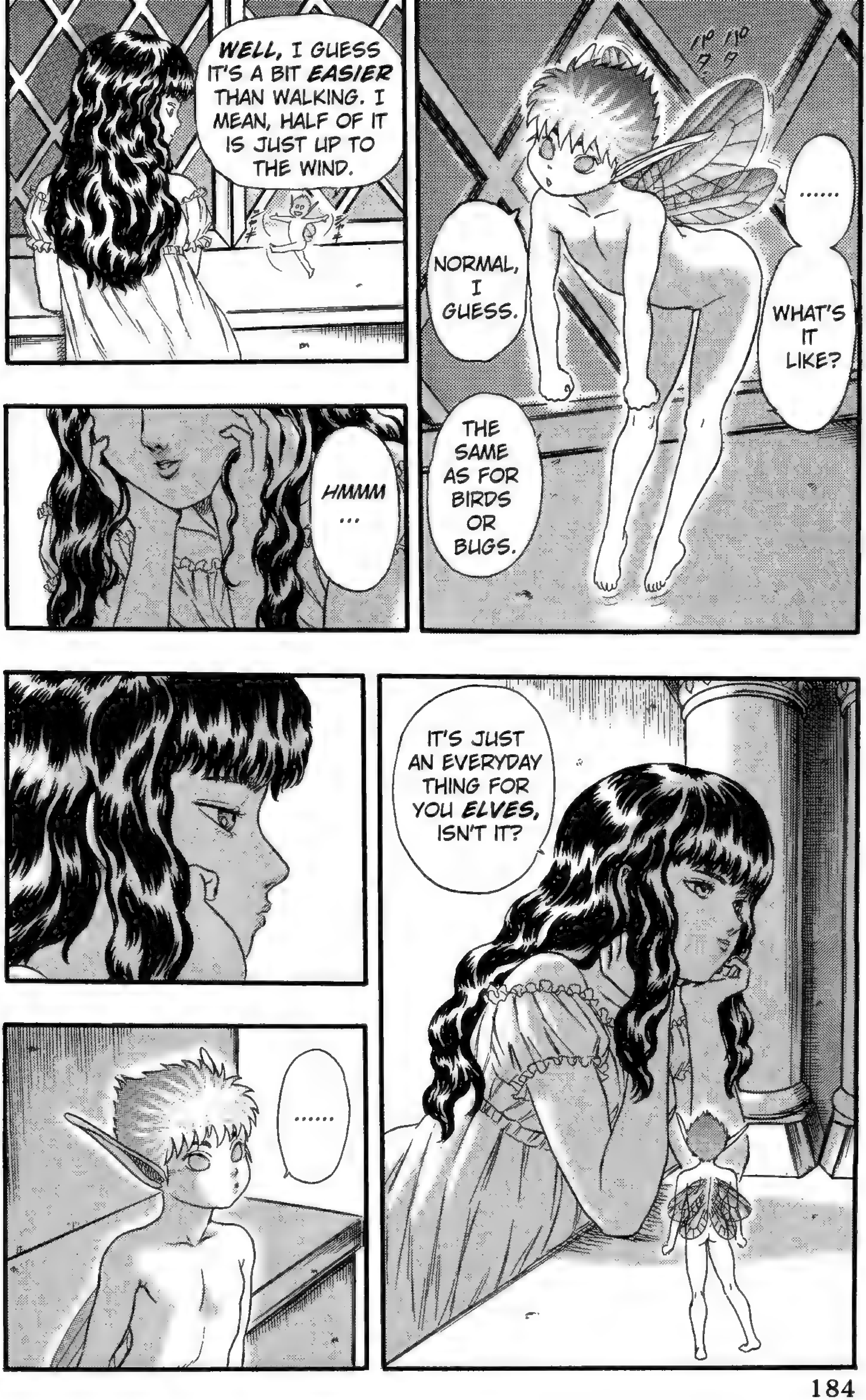
ザカァァ
!
...!
...GAAGH?!

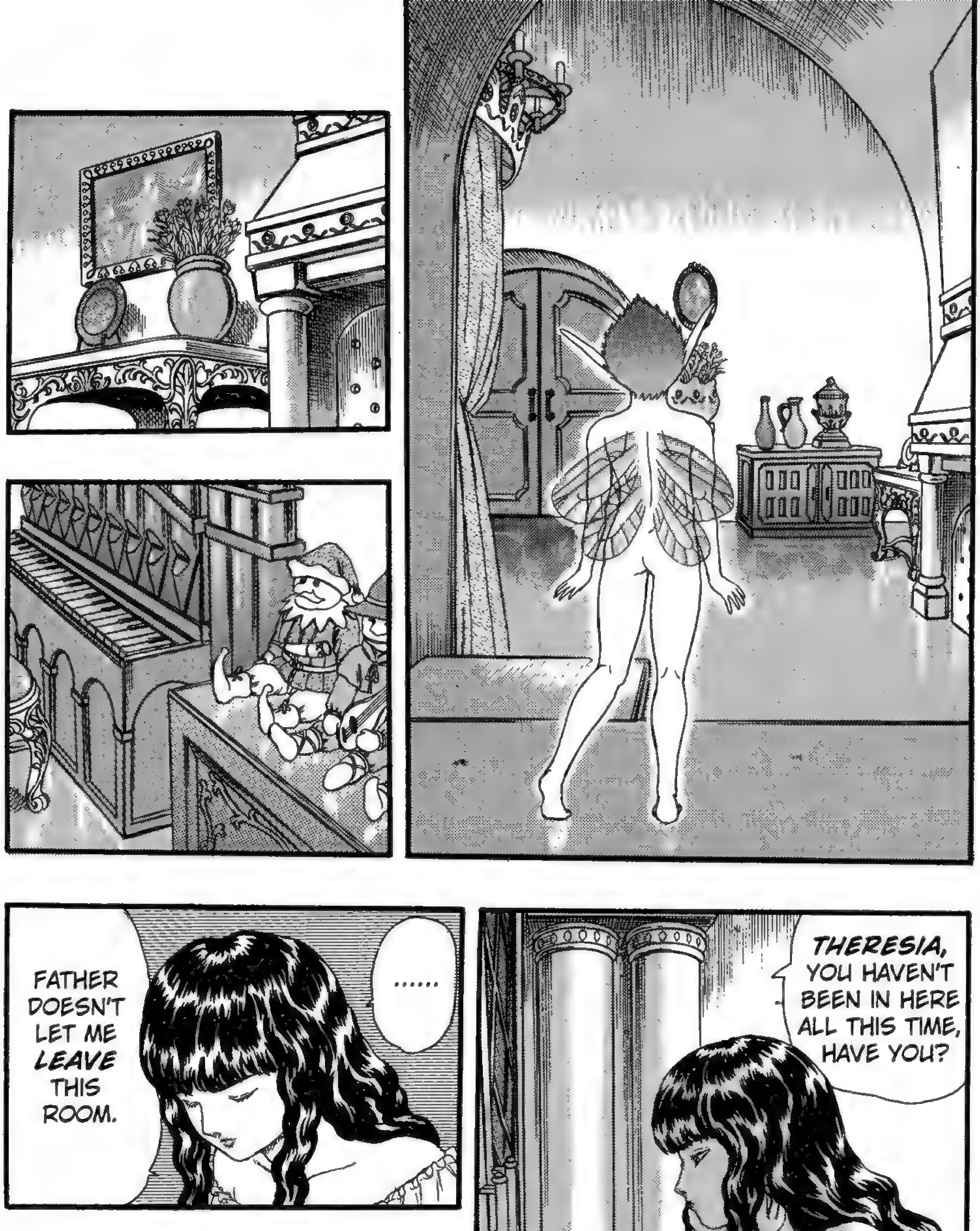
ザワ
...AHH
IGH...

ワァァァ
W-WAIT! WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING, FOOLS?!
ワァァァ
I'M WARNING YOU!
COME BACK!
!
AAGH!

I'M SORRY.
HUH? ABOUT WHAT?

I COULDN'T STOP MYSELF FROM CRYING, IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I'VE *TALKED* TO ANYONE.
NO PROBLEM! I'LL LEND YOU MY ***SHOULDER!***
HEE HEE...
DO YOU HAVE A NAME?
THE NAME'S ***PUCK!***
TELL ME, PUCK ...
...YOU ***FLY,*** DON'T YOU?
EH?
WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE...
*...TO **FLY**?*


パタパタ
......
WHAT'S IT LIKE?
NORMAL, I GUESS.
THE SAME AS FOR BIRDS OR BUGS.
WELL, I GUESS IT'S A BIT **EASIER** THAN WALKING. I MEAN, HALF OF IT IS JUST UP TO THE WIND.
HMMM...
IT'S JUST AN EVERYDAY THING FOR YOU **ELVES**, ISN'T IT?
....

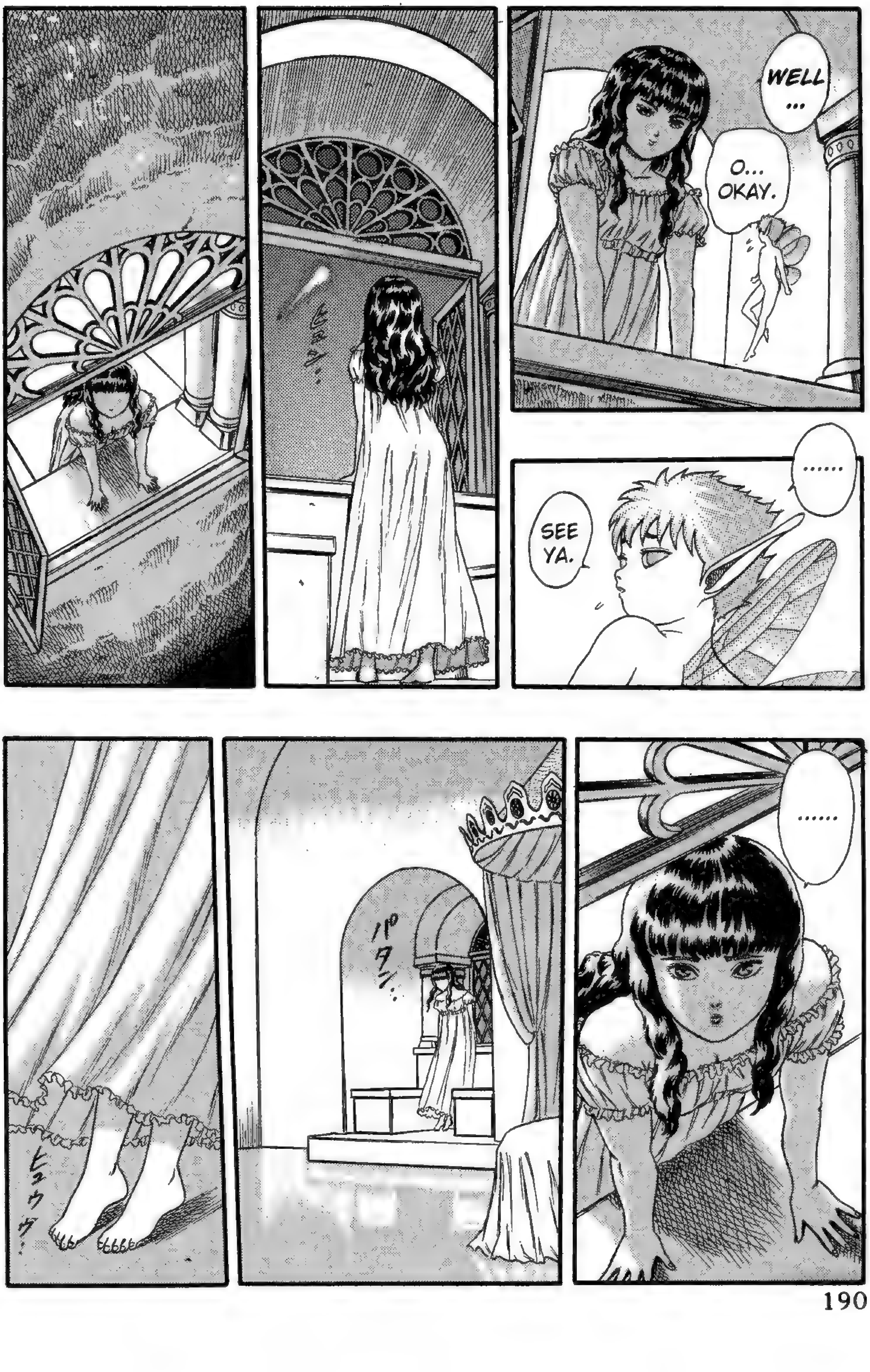

THERESIA, YOU HAVEN'T BEEN IN HERE ALL THIS TIME, HAVE YOU?
FOR SEVEN YEARS?
......
FATHER DOESN'T LET ME LEAVE THIS ROOM.
HE THINKS THERE ARE STILL HERETICS LURKING ABOUT THE CITY, EVEN NOW.
HE WON'T LET ANYONE FROM THE CITY OR ANYONE EVEN REMOTELY CONNECTED TO THE CITY NEAR ME.

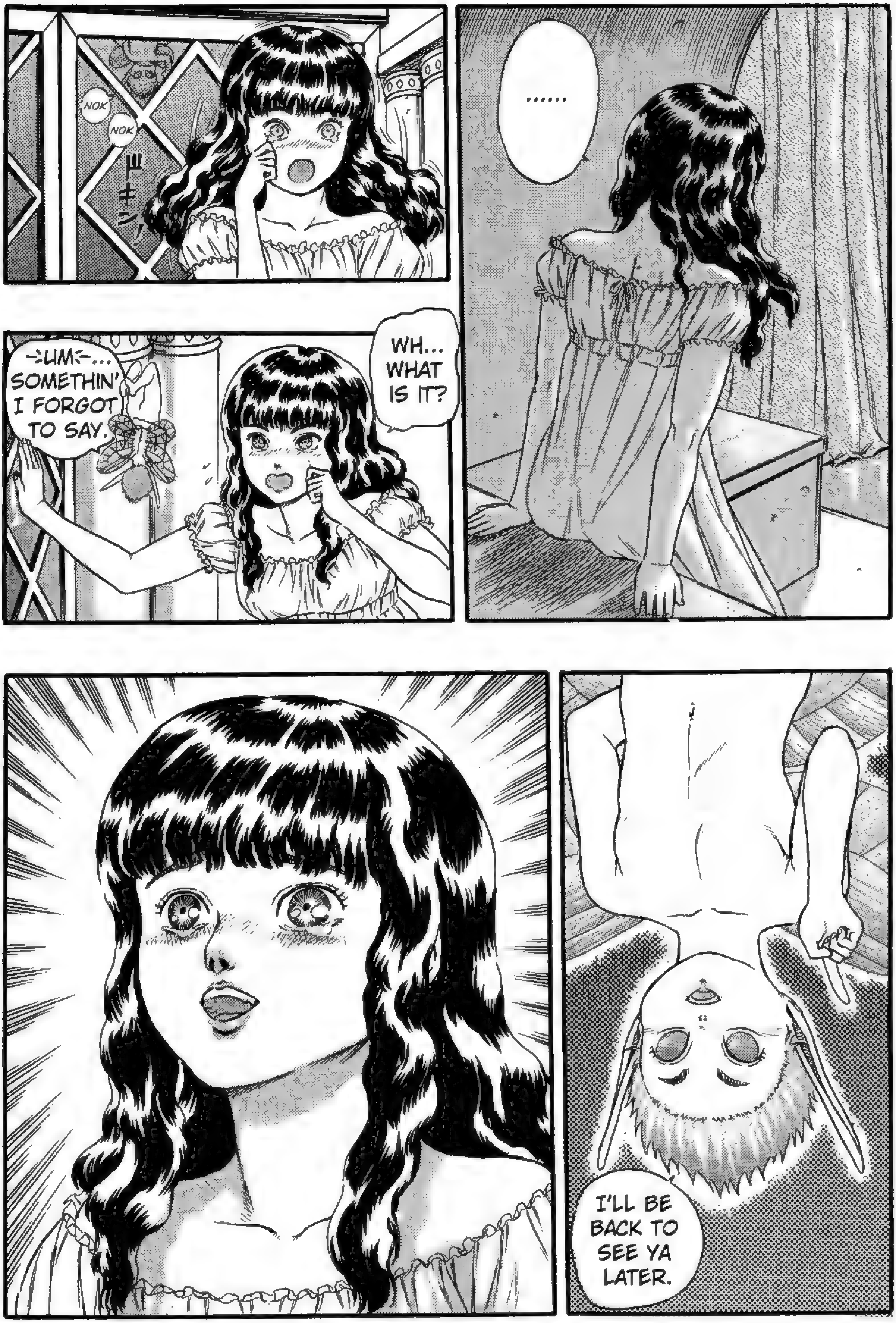
THIS IS *MY WORLD.*
OUTSIDE THIS WINDOW, MY LITTLE PIECE OF SKY.
SUCH SOBER EYES... NOT THE EYES OF A CHILD.
!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
SQUEEK

WHAT IS IT?!
IT'S A BURGLAR! AN INTRUDER IN THE INNER COMPOUND!
!
GUTS!!
THERESIA, I'VE GOTTA GO!
HUNH?
THAT BURGLAR THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT...
...IT'S SOMEONE I KNOW!
……
Y-YOU CAN'T GO! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!
I'LL BE ALL RIGHT! I'M PRETTY QUICK!
BUT...
イバリ!
DON'T WORRY, DON'T WORRY! SEEN MY SHARE OF BATTLES, I HAVE!

NOOOO!!
!
ビクッ!!
...!
-AAHH!-
I...
I'M SORRY ...
......
THUMP
THUMP
......
...IT'S NATURAL THAT YOU WOULD *WORRY* ABOUT YOUR *FRIEND.*
WELL, HE'S NOT *EXACTLY* MY FRIEND...
OF COURSE ...
チャ...

ギィィィ
AHH ...
ヒュウ
ウ・・ウゥ
GO ON, THEN.
THERESIA...
I TOLD YOU I KNEW WHAT IT FELT LIKE TO BE **LOCKED UP** IN A CAGE, DIDN'T ***I*?**
THAT'S BECAUSE ***I AM.***
....


WELL ...
O... OKAY.
ヒュン…
......
SEE YA.
......
パタン…
ヒュウウ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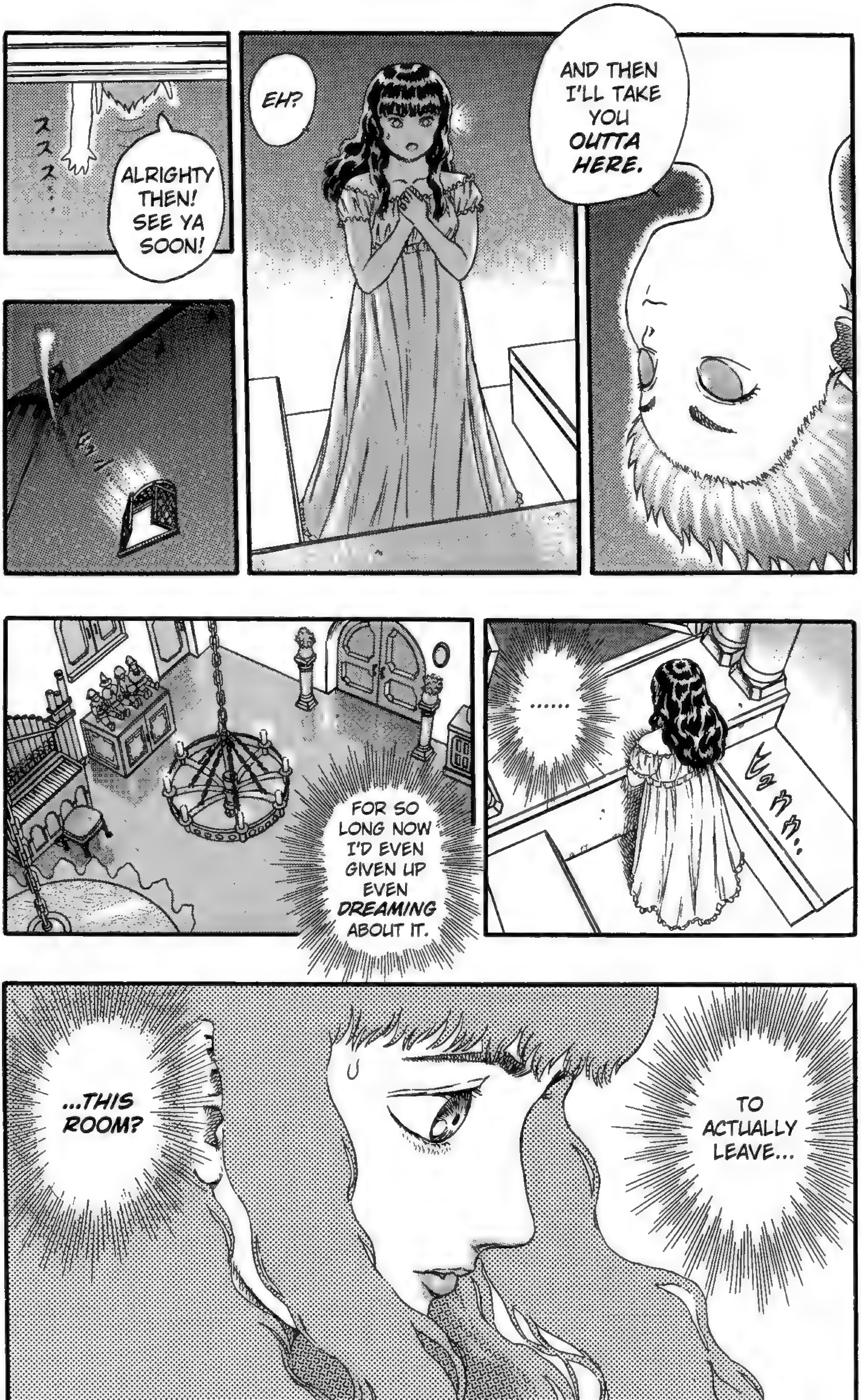
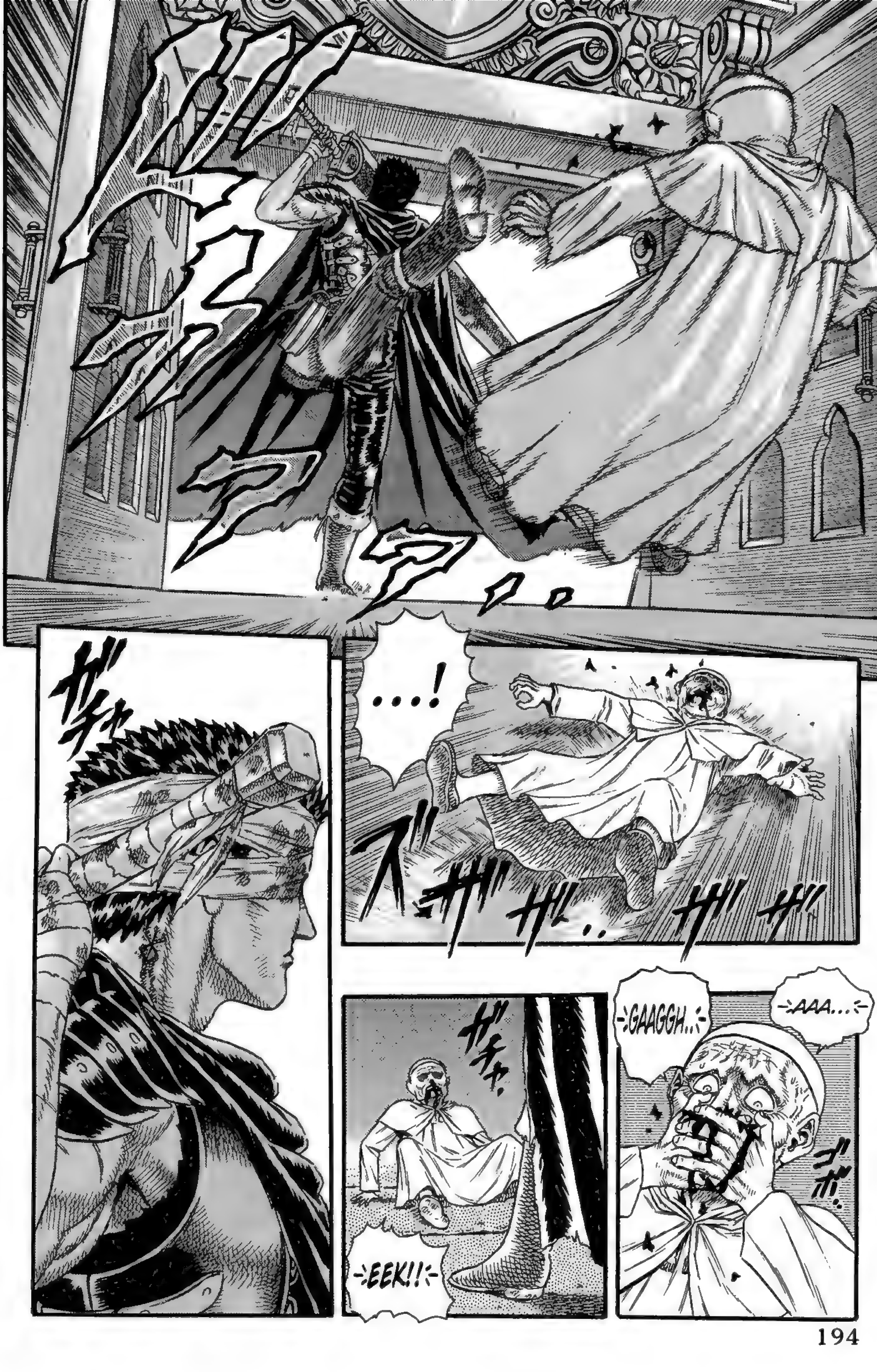
NOK
NOK
ドキン!
WH... WHAT IS IT?
–UM–... SOMETHIN' I FORGOT TO SAY.
I'LL BE BACK TO SEE YA LATER.


AND THEN I'LL TAKE YOU *OUTTA HERE.*
EH?
ALRIGHTY THEN! SEE YA SOON!
スススッ…
……
FOR SO LONG NOW I'D EVEN GIVEN UP EVEN *DREAMING* ABOUT IT.
ヒュウウ…
TO ACTUALLY LEAVE…
…THIS ROOM?

TO GO...
...OUT-SIDE?!
FOR *REVENGE* ON THE HERETICS WHO ROBBED HIM OF THE WOMAN HE LOVED?!
IS THAT WHY THE COUNT ACQUIRED *DEMONIC POWERS?*
HE SUMMONED *THE GODHAND...*
AND HE HIMSELF...
...BECAME A *DEMON* ?!


...!
-GAAGGH..-
-AAA...-
-EEK!!-

ガチャ!!

ブォォォ。ォォ。。
IMPRESSIVE THAT YOU MADE IT THIS FAR.
WELL DONE, BLACK SWORDSMAN.
COME NOW AND TEST ME. LET'S SEE JUST HOW FAR HUMAN POWER WILL GO!

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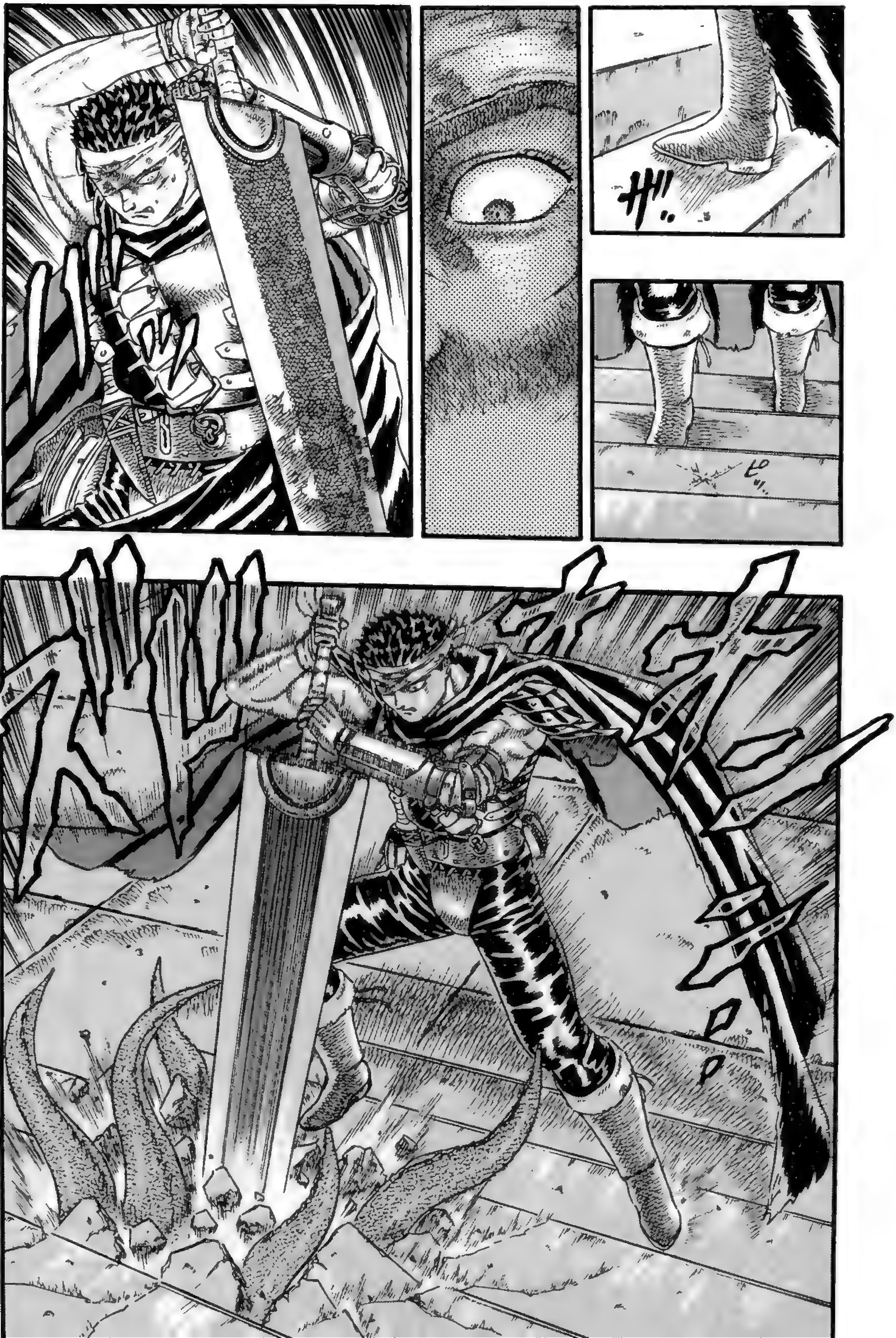
ズル！
ガチャ
ガチャ
…！
ゴク
ガチャ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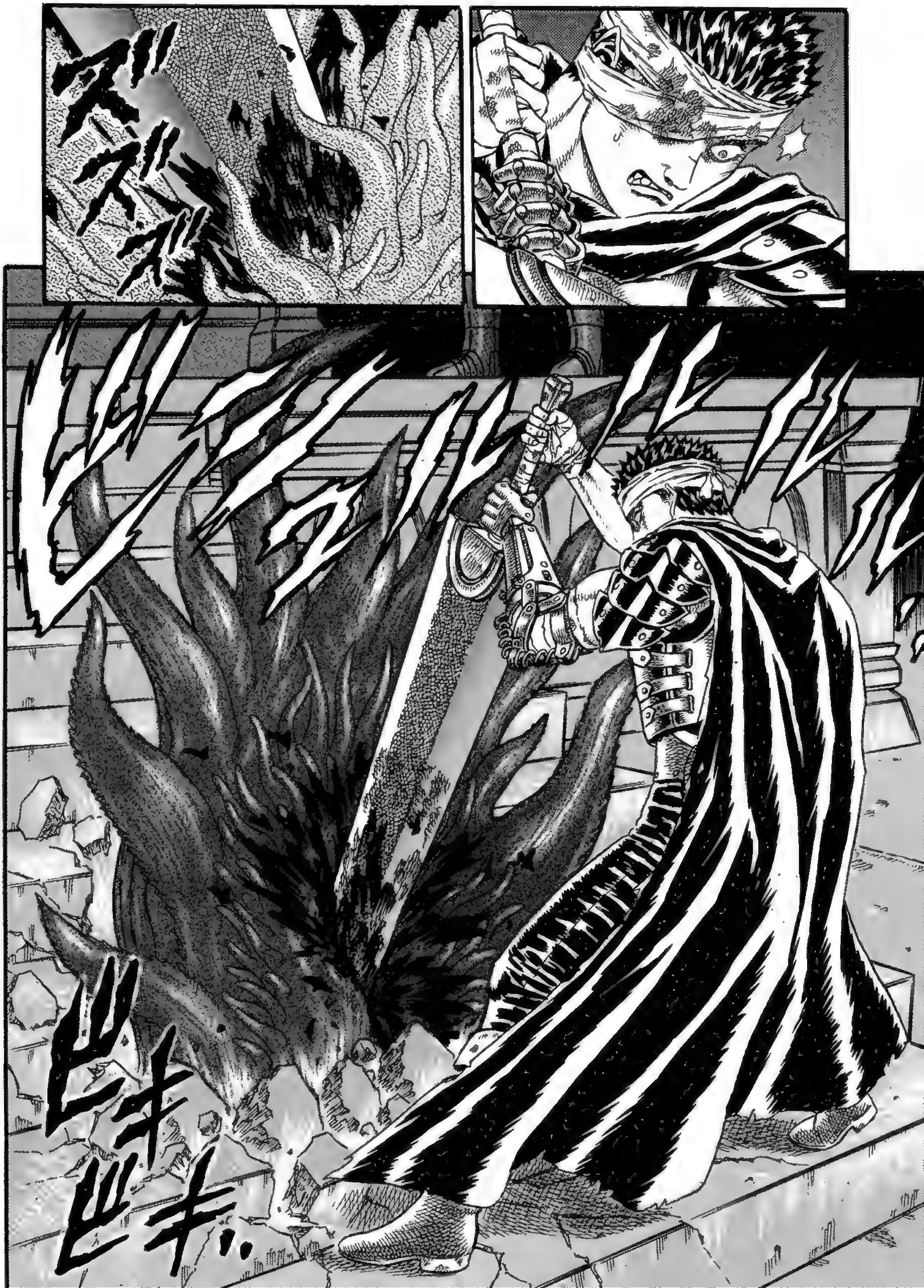
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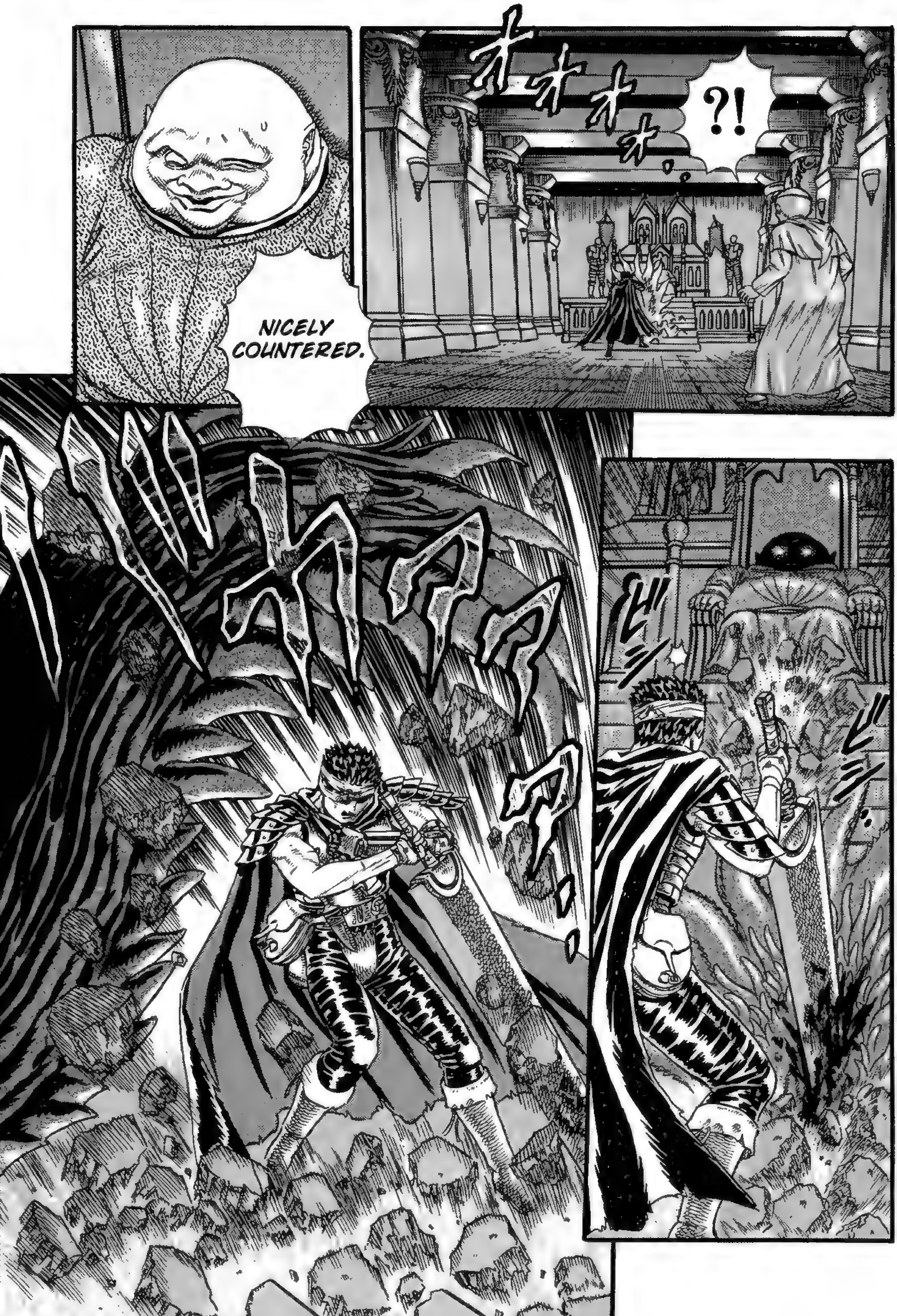
ビキビキ…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NICELY COUNTERED.
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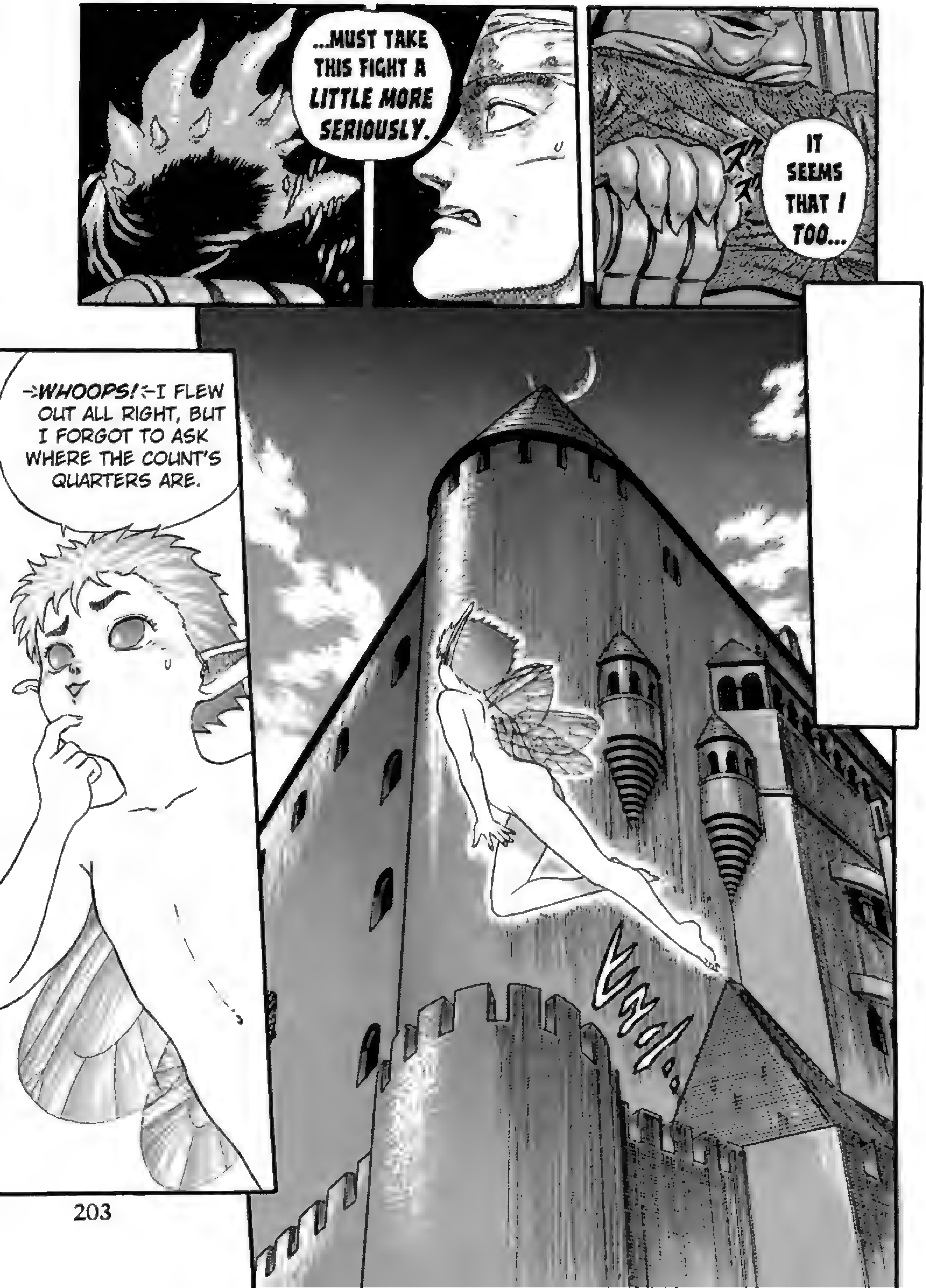
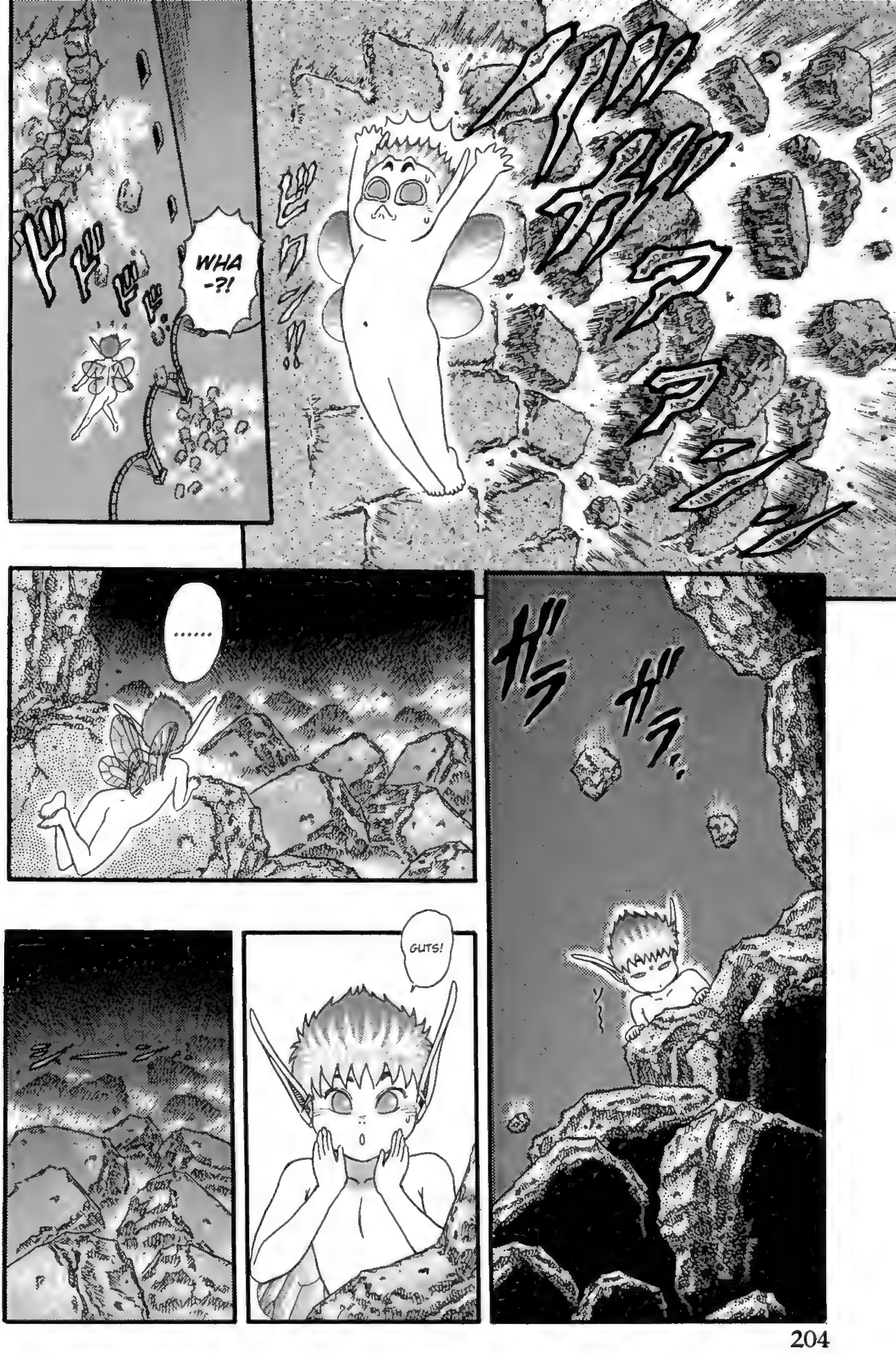
I NOW GRASP THE EXTENT OF YOUR SKILLS.
ズズ…


IT SEEMS THAT I TOO...
ズズ
...MUST TAKE THIS FIGHT A LITTLE MORE SERIOUSLY.
→WHOOPS!←I FLEW OUT ALL RIGHT, BUT I FORGOT TO ASK WHERE THE COUNT'S QUARTERS ARE.


ビクン!!
WHA-?!
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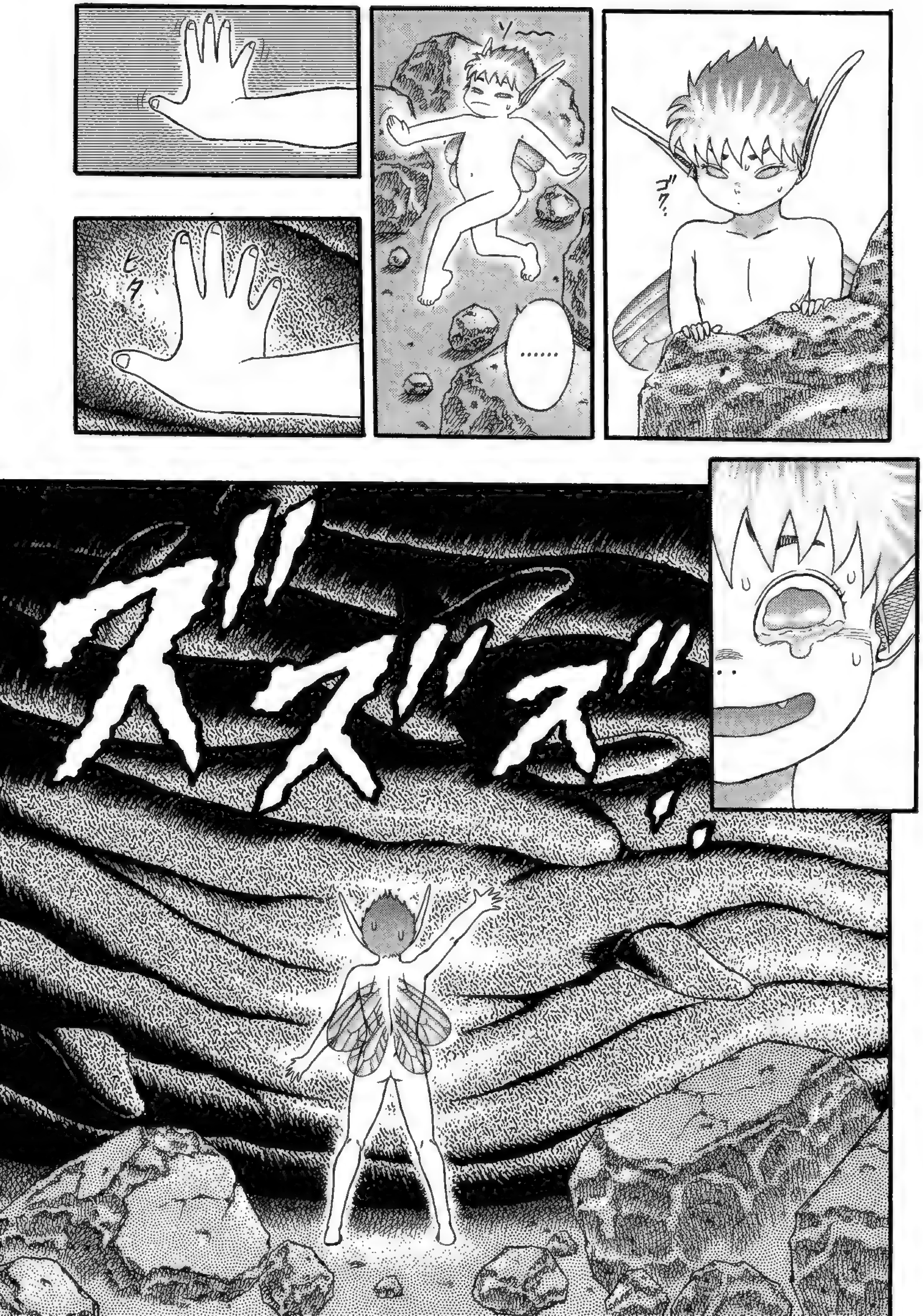
......
ガラ ガラ...
GUTS!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ズズズ…
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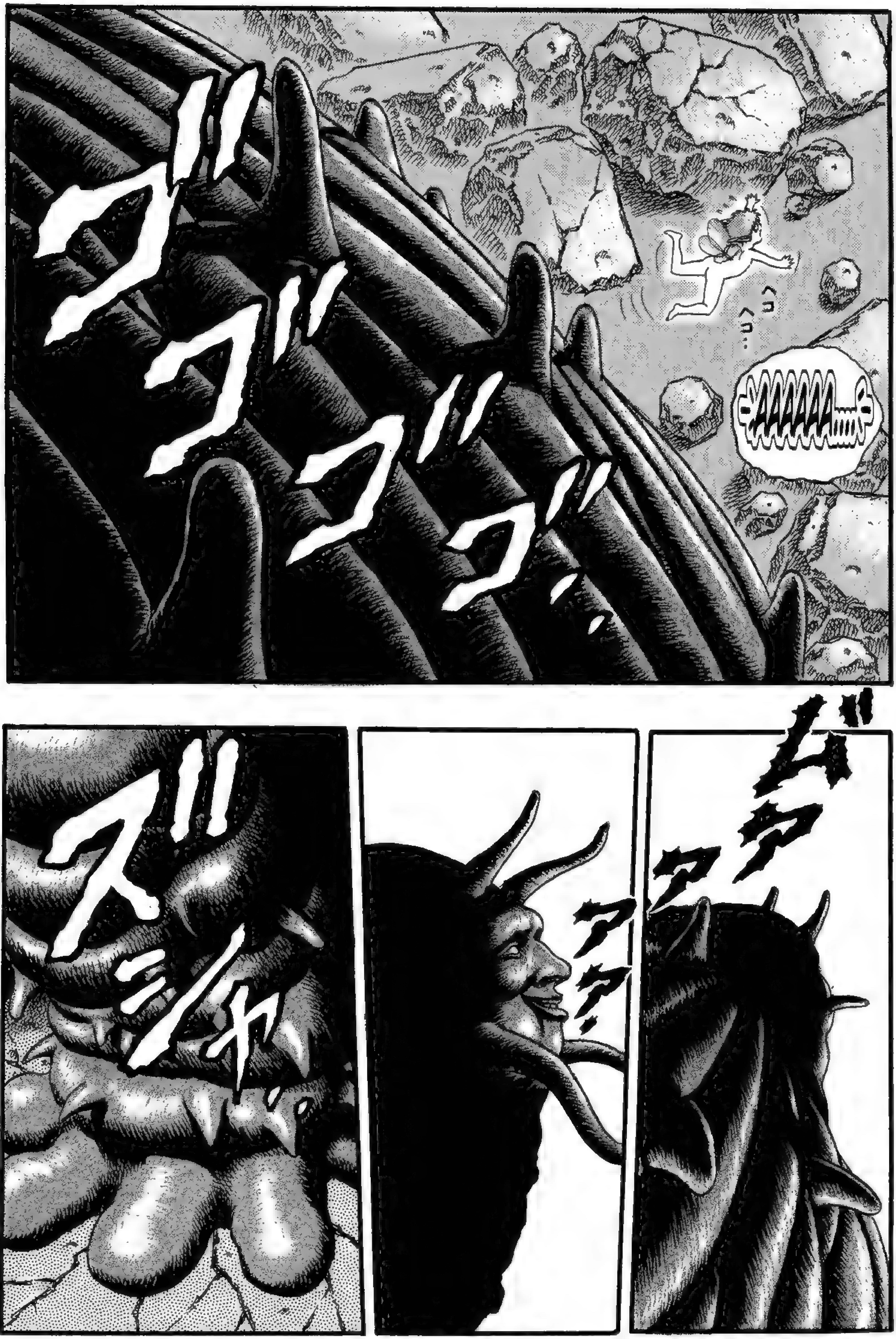
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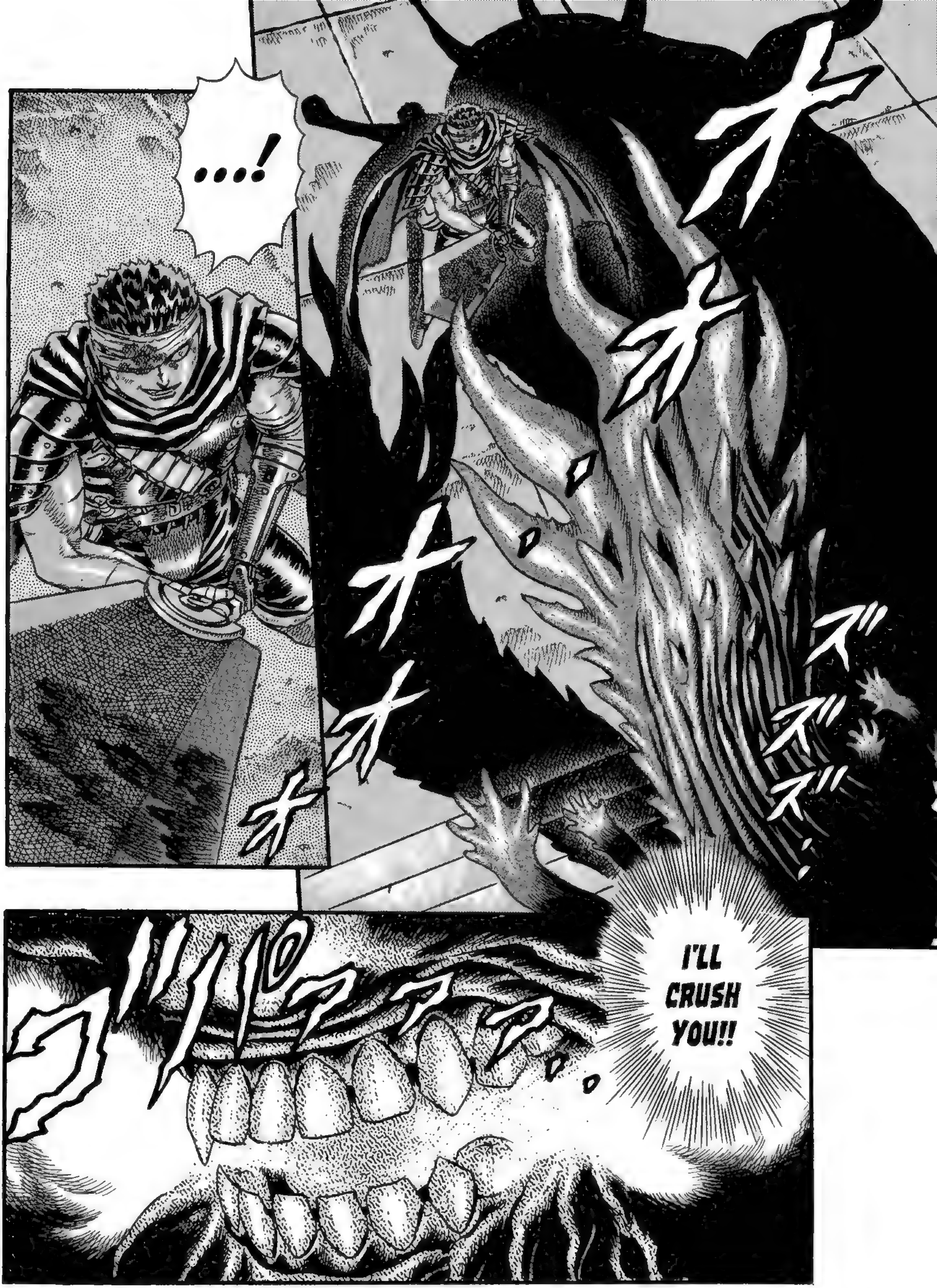
バァア
アァァ
ズシャ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ズズズズ…！
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オ
I'LL CRUSH YOU!!
ワリパァァァ…

ゾバオオ・・オオ
-EE...-
EEEEEEEEK!!
ゴゴゴ‥
...!
パクパク
ズオオオオ
ゴッ

ズバビュオオ…
ザッ..
NOW YOU UNDER-STAND...
ビクビク
HEH HEH ...
HEH ...
ゾロ..

...IT'S FUTILE. NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU CHOP OFF MY ARMS AND LEGS!
EACH TIME YOU CUT THEM OFF, MY BODY BECOMES STRONGER!
ドドドオオー
ズ
IT GROWS BIGGER AND BIGGER!
A MERE SWORD CAN'T POSSIBLY DESTROY ME!
ズズズズズズ
ゴゴアア

ゴゴゴゴゴッ
-KYAAAA!!-
ガシャアアン
HU...
...HUNH?!
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KYAAAAAAAAAA!
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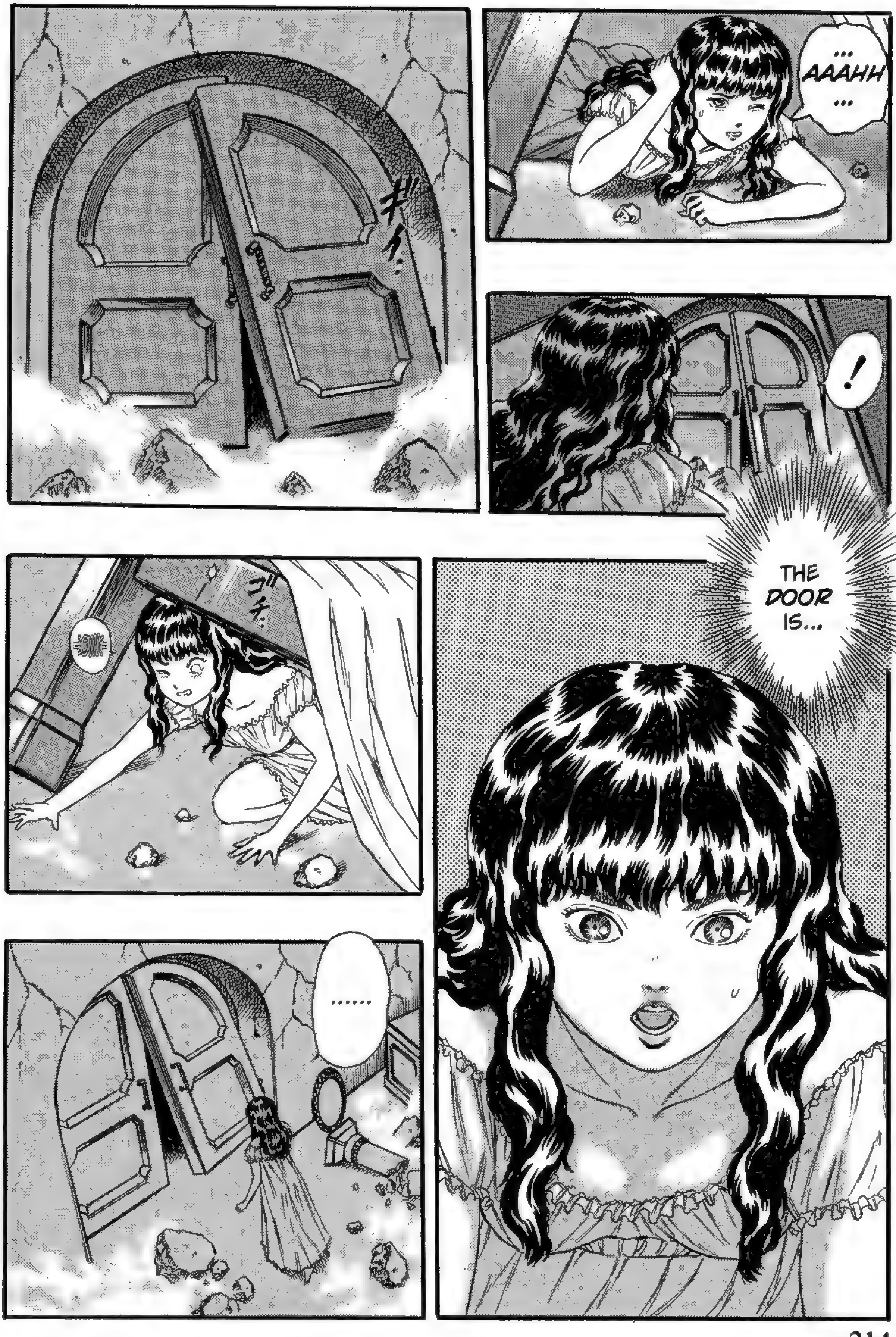
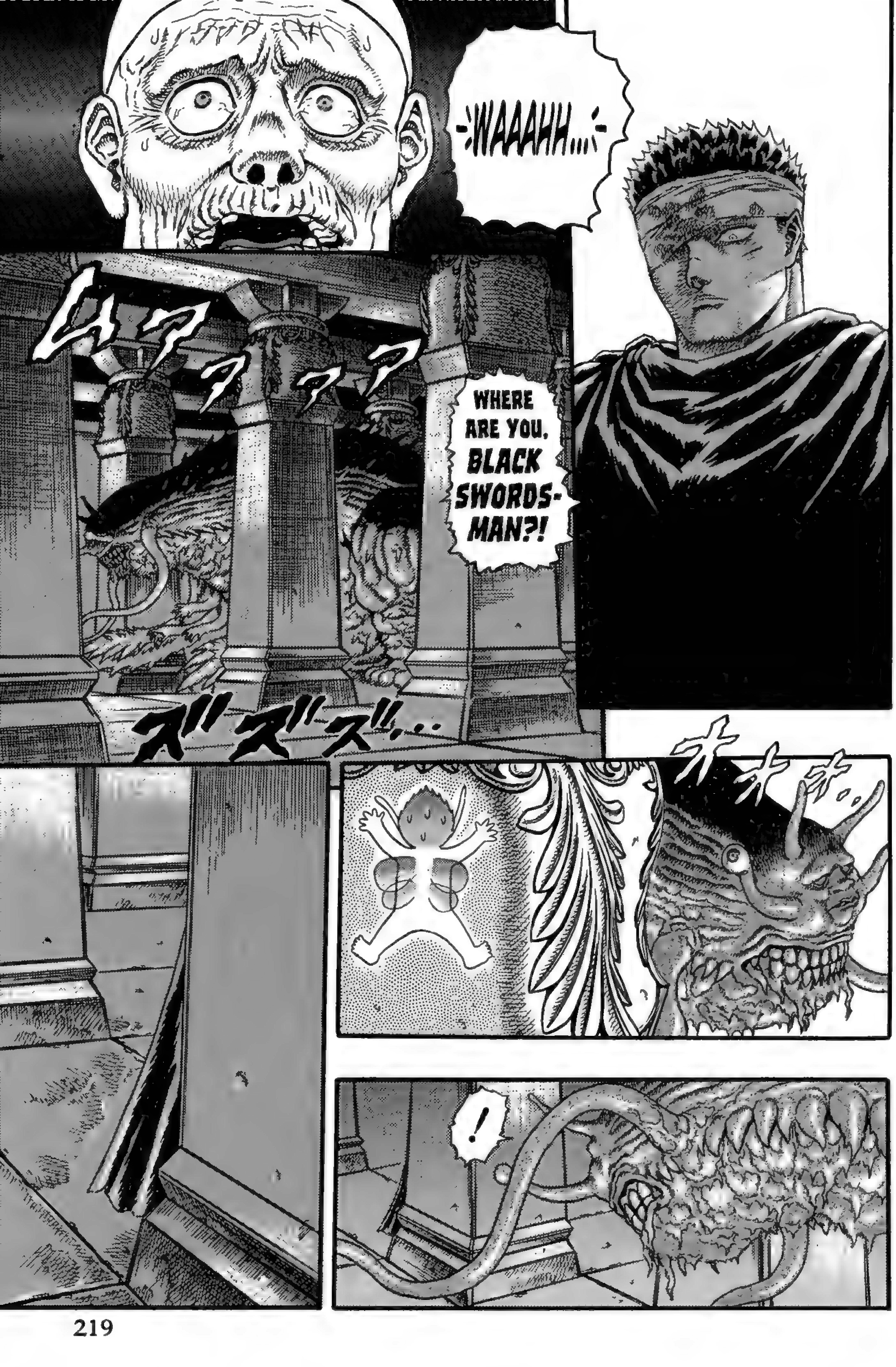

...AAAHH...
!
ギイ…
THE DOOR IS...
ゴチ…
......

……
ゴオオ・オオ。。
ギィィ…
……
カチカチカチ
ゴゴゴ。
!
ビリビリ…

ブオオオオオ
GUTS ...!
ズドウウウウンッ
ゴゴゴ

ザッ
WHERE ARE YOU?!
オオオ
ズズズ…
WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT VIGOROUS ONSLAUGHT OF YOURS?! DID YOU FINALLY REALIZE THAT YOU HAVE NO CHANCE OF WINNING AND DECIDE TO RUN AWAY?!
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
ガチガチ
!
ザッ!!


WAAAHH...
WHERE ARE YOU, BLACK SWORDSMAN?!
ムアァァア
ズズズ…
オォォ…
!

ニカァ…
グワ
GUTS, BEHIND YOU!
ドドホホッ
HEH HEH HEH...

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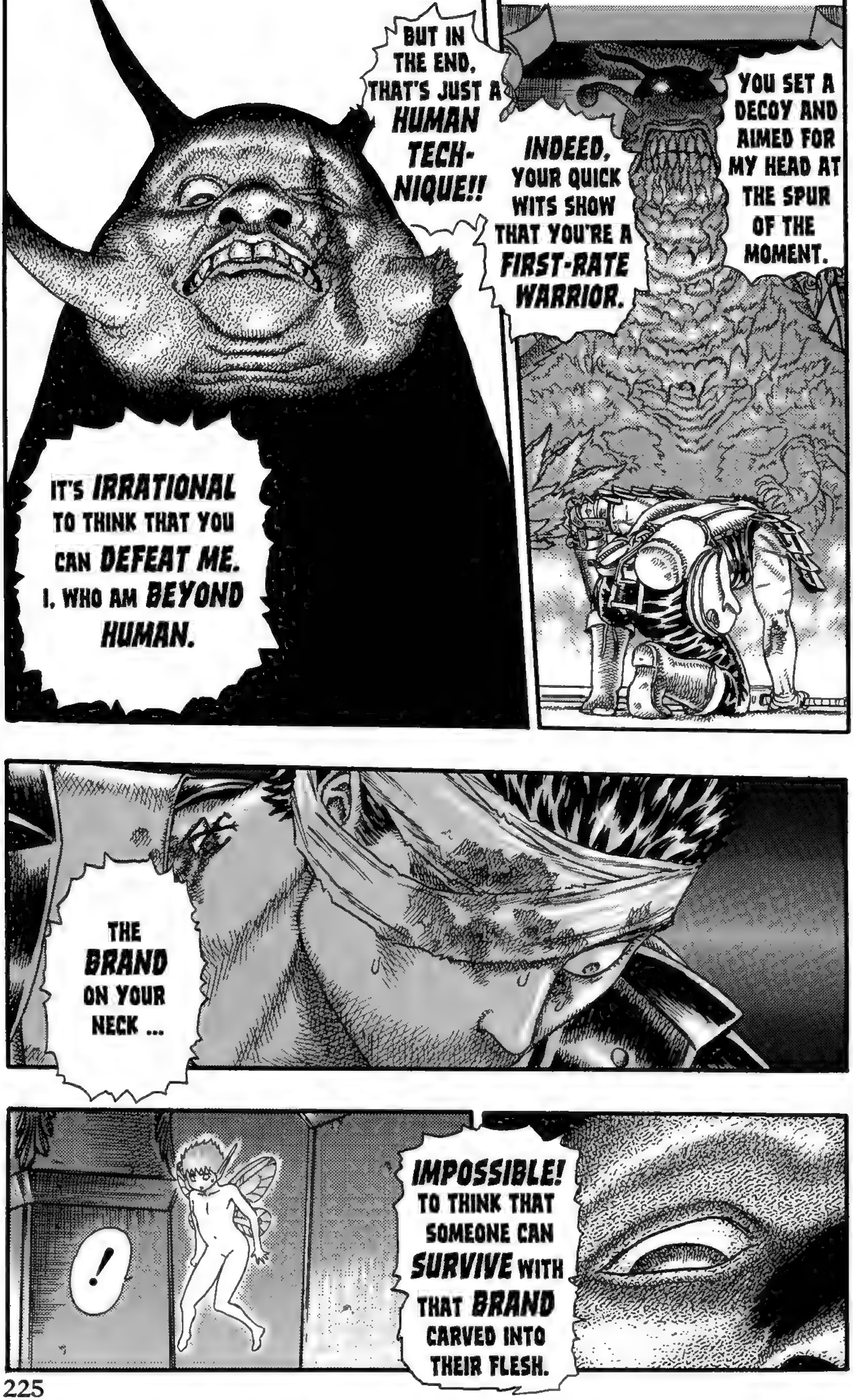
ザ…

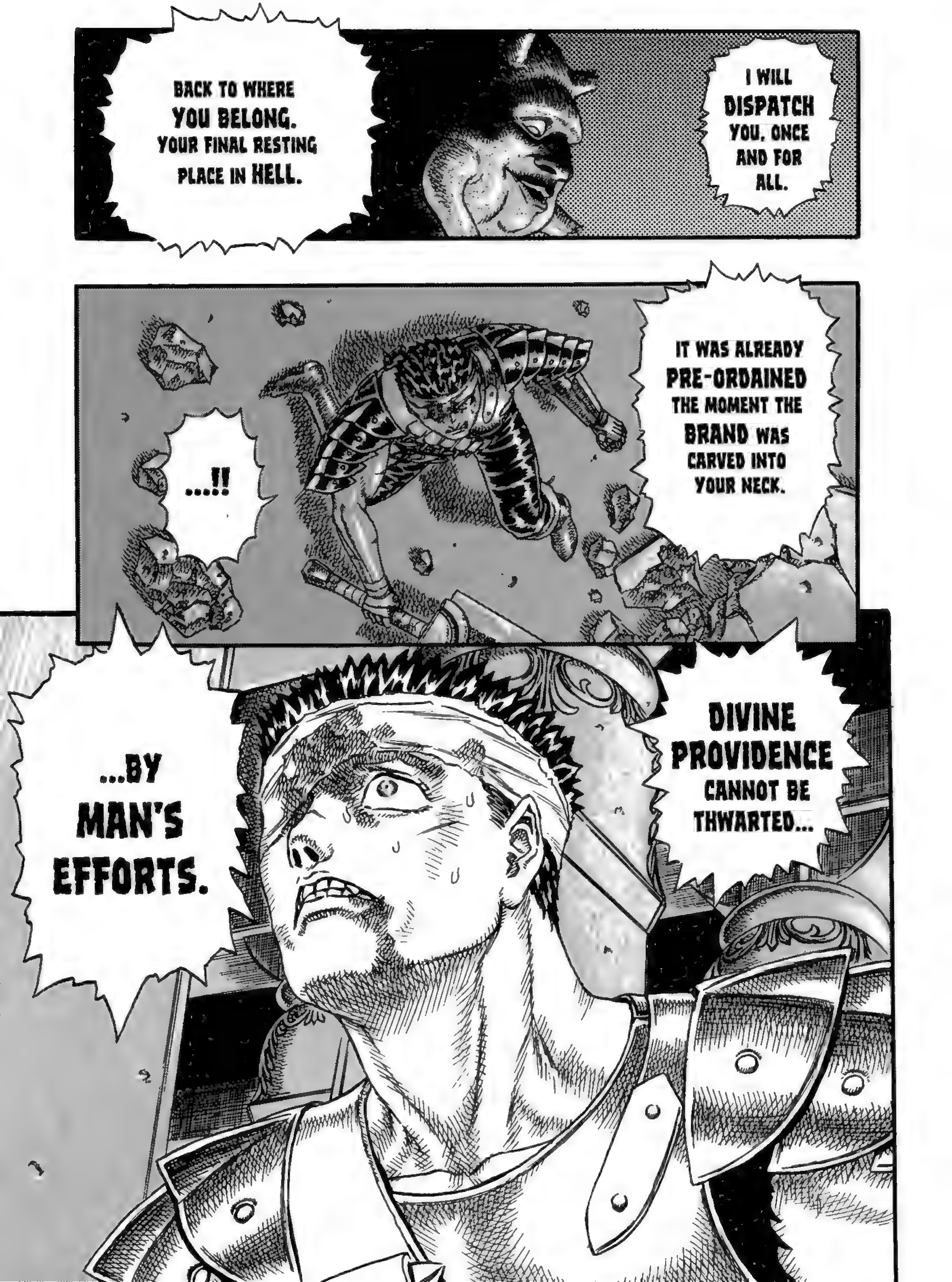
GRRAAGH!!
DAMN!
JUST A SURFACE WOUND!

バババ。
ガガァァンッ
ズル。
……!!
ドドオオォ
オオオ

GAAAGHH!
ボタ…
ズザザザ…
GUTS!
……
YOU ROGUE.
ズズズズ


YOU SET A DECOY AND AIMED FOR MY HEAD AT THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT.
INDEED, YOUR QUICK WITS SHOW THAT YOU'RE A *FIRST-RATE WARRIOR.*
BUT IN THE END, THAT'S JUST A *HUMAN TECHNIQUE!!*
IT'S *IRRATIONAL* TO THINK THAT YOU CAN *DEFEAT ME.* I, WHO AM *BEYOND HUMAN.*
THE *BRAND* ON YOUR NECK ...
IMPOSSIBLE! TO THINK THAT SOMEONE CAN *SURVIVE* WITH THAT *BRAND* CARVED INTO THEIR FLESH.
!

REVENGE, IS THAT IT?
BUT OF COURSE YOU'LL NEVER WIN, A MERE MORTAL LIKE YOURSELF.
ガク ガク ガク
YOU SEE. YOU CAN'T EVEN STAND UP AFTER A SINGLE STRIKE FROM ME.
THAT'S RIGHT...
...!
ガッ
IT'S NOT WORTH BEING CONSTANTLY HOUNDED BY DEMONS, CHOPPED TO PIECES...
...THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO CONTINUE YOUR WAR OF PAIN AND FEAR.
...IT'S A MEANINGLESS FIGHT!
YOU SHOULD PUT AN END TO IT NOW. I WILL RELEASE YOU FROM YOUR SUFFERING.


I WILL DISPATCH YOU, ONCE AND FOR ALL.
BACK TO WHERE YOU BELONG. YOUR FINAL RESTING PLACE IN HELL.
IT WAS ALREADY PRE-ORDAINED THE MOMENT THE BRAND WAS CARVED INTO YOUR NECK.
...!!
DIVINE PROVIDENCE CANNOT BE THWARTED...
...BY MAN'S EFFORTS.

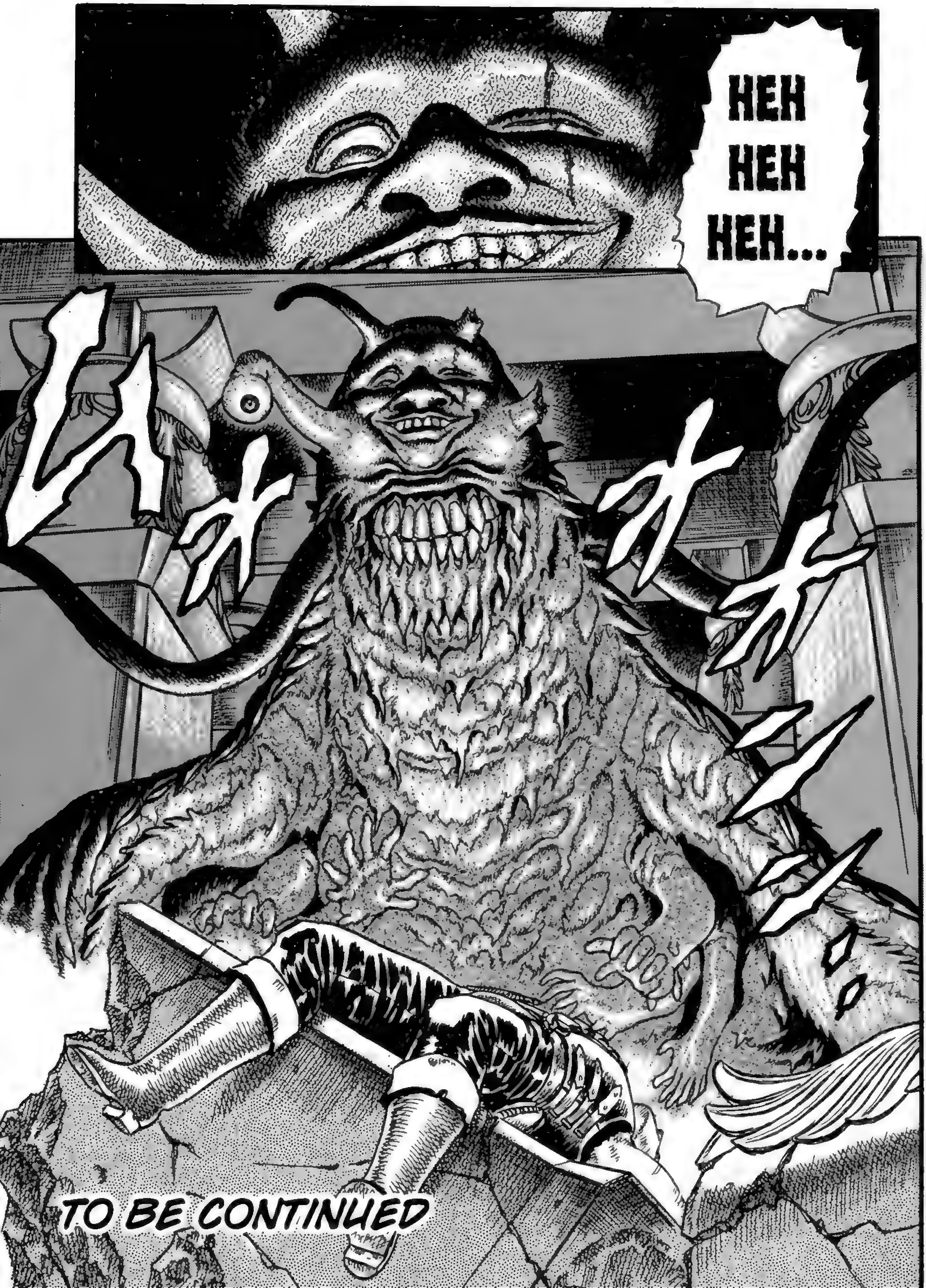
YOU CAN DIE **PROUDLY** NOW, KNOWING THAT AT LEAST YOU **INFLICTED ONE BLOW** UPON ME.
LOOK OUT!

ミジ
GAAGH!!
ズズズ
ドシャアア
AAAAH...!
UUGGHH..!!
ビュ

ブルオァ
ドパァァァ
ヴン
…!!

ドギャオオン
KYAA...
ガラ ガラ...
ピク ピク..
AHH...STILL WON'T PART WITH YOUR SWORD, I SEE.
ブン

ズガァァァァ
ドドドド
ガラ…


HEH HEH HEH...
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ベルセルク

STOP

This is the back of the book!

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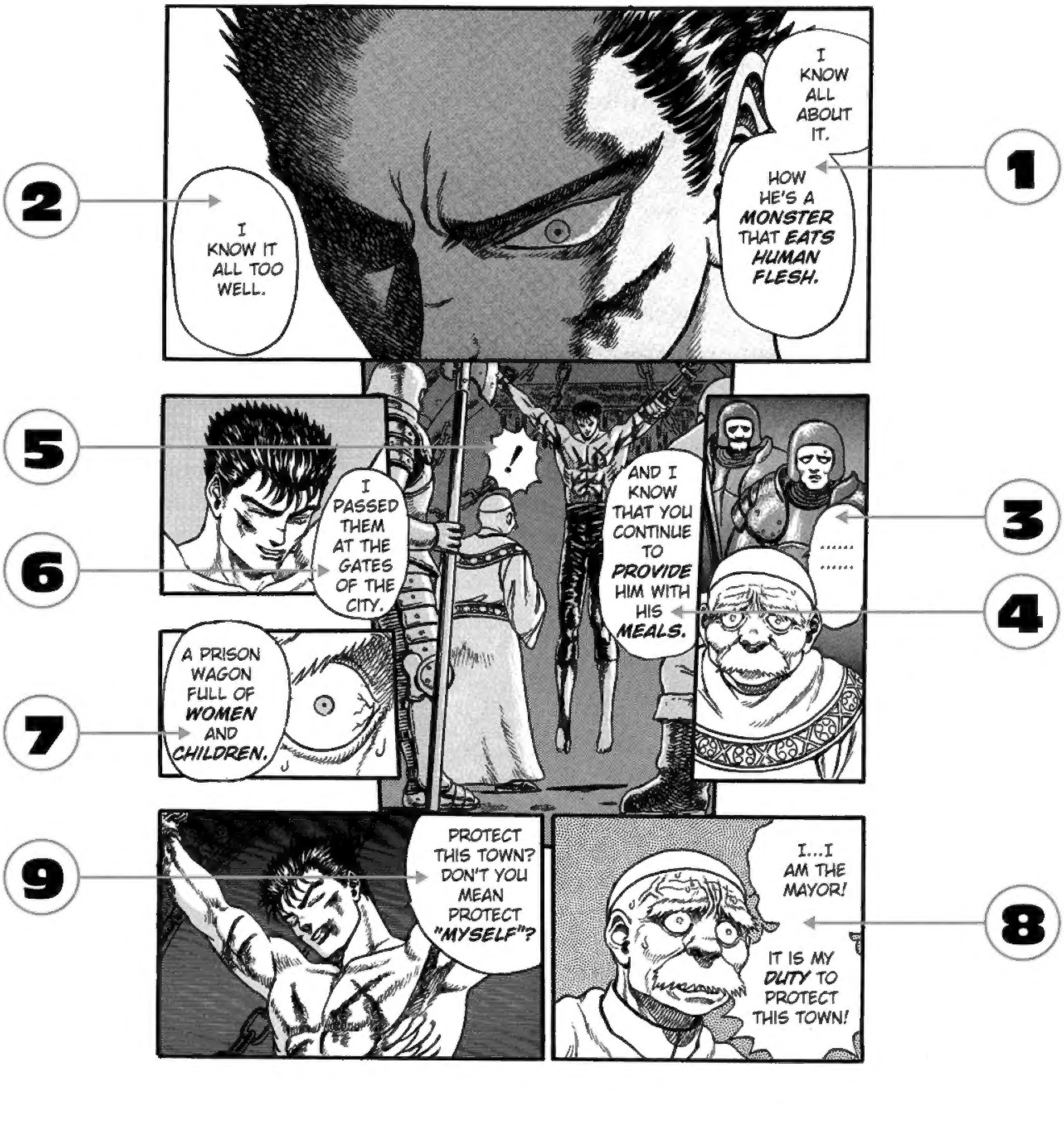
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I KNOW ALL ABOUT IT.
HOW HE'S A MONSTER THAT EATS HUMAN FLESH.
2
I KNOW IT ALL TOO WELL.
3
……
4
AND I KNOW THAT YOU CONTINUE TO PROVIDE HIM WITH HIS MEALS.
5
!
6
I PASSED THEM AT THE GATES OF THE CITY.
7
A PRISON WAGON FULL OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN.
8
I...I AM THE MAYOR!
IT IS MY DUTY TO PROTECT THIS TOWN!
9
PROTECT THIS TOWN? DON'T YOU MEAN PROTECT "MYSELF"?

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